

Declaration of Results

This report is the Declaration of Results script for Returning Officer.

Contest Name

Aird and Loch Ness

I will now declare the result of the election in the Aird and Loch Ness. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 10,213 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,255 giving a percentage turnout of 51.5%. There were 57 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,040.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Chris BALLANCE	Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local	528
Helen CRAWFORD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,099
Aarron DUNCAN-MACLEOD	Independent	430
David FRASER	Independent	1,182
Holly KINGHAM	Scottish Liberal Democrats	342
Emma KNOX	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,364
Michael PERERA	Scottish Labour Party	253
Total		5,198

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Aird and Loch Ness:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Chris BALLANCE	Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local	7
Helen CRAWFORD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
David FRASER	Independent	1
Emma KNOX	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

2011 Order Rule 44(1)	Adjudication Rejection Reason	Number
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	10
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	47
(d)	On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	0
Total		57