Scottish Borders Council

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 1 - Tweeddale West

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 1 - Tweeddale West. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 8,517 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,887 giving a percentage turnout of 57.4%. There were 58 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,208.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Dominic ASHMOLE	Scottish Green Party	792
Drummond BEGG	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,100
Julia REID	Scottish Labour Party	312
Eric SMALL	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	893
John SMITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	466
Viv THOMSON	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,266
	Total	4,829

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 1 - Tweeddale West:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Drummond BEGG	Scottish Liberal Democrats	3
Eric SMALL	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	5
Viv THOMSON	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	13
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	4
(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	41
	Total	58