Scottish Borders Council

Declaration of Results

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| Contest Name | Ward 8 - Kelso & District |

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 8 - Kelso & District. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 8,499 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,990 giving a percentage turnout of 46.9%. There were 70 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 981.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Wilson GEORGE	Scottish Labour Party	301
Shelagh KING	Scottish Green Party	518
Kenryck LLOYD-JONES	Scottish Labour Party	69
Simon MOUNTFORD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	904
Euan Macfarlane ROBSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,169
Sunny SMITH	Vanguard Party championing Kelso	17
Tom WEATHERSTON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	942
	Total	3,920

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 8 - Kelso & District:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Simon MOUNTFORD	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	7
Euan Macfarlane ROBSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1
Tom WEATHERSTON	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	2

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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	4
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	13
(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	53
	Total	70