Aberdeenshire Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 5 - Peterhead North and Rattray

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 5 - Peterhead North and Rattray. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 11,821 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,268 giving a percentage turnout of 36.1%. There were 68 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 841.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Kevin Robert ANDERSON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	156
Dianne BEAGRIE	Independent	974
Sharon BRADFORD	Independent	79
Alan S. BUCHAN	Independent	548
Matthew JAMES	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	599
Trish MCPHERSON	Alba Party for independence	99
Leeann MCWHINNIE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,222
Iain SUTHERLAND	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	523
	Total	4,200

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 5 - Peterhead North and Rattray:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Dianne BEAGRIE	Independent	1
Alan S. BUCHAN	Independent	7
Matthew JAMES	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	7
Leeann MCWHINNIE	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	3
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	63
(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	1
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	1
	Total	68