Argyll & Bute Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 10 - Helensburgh Central

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 10 - Helensburgh Central. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 7,759 and the number of ballot papers received was 4,002 giving a percentage turnout of 51.6%. There were 55 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 790.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
James ALEXANDER-ROBB	•	88
Sarah DAVIES	Scottish Greens - Think Global Act Local	268
Graham HARDIE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	440
Fiona HOWARD	Scottish Labour Party	841
Ian James MACQUIRE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	843
Gary MULVANEY	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,205
Alison WILLMOT	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	262
		Total 3,947

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 10 - Helensburgh Central:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Graham HARDIE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	7
Fiona HOWARD	Scottish Labour Party	1
Ian James MACQUIRE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Gary MULVANEY	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	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	0
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	46
(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	9
	Total	55