## Declaration of Results

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## Contest Name

Ward 6 - Cowal

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 6 - Cowal. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.
The electorate was 5,991 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,341 giving a percentage turnout of $55.8 \%$. There were 64 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 820 .

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

| Candidate Name | Affiliation | Number of First <br> Preference Votes |
| :--- | :--- | ---: |
| Gordon BLAIR | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1,090 |
| Mark FEINMANN | Scottish Labour Party | 251 |
| Lachie MACQUARIE | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 282 |
| Yvonne MCNEILLY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 855 |
| Fiona NELSON | Independence for Scotland Party | 78 |
| William SINCLAIR | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 551 |
| Kenneth WHYTE | Independent | Total |
|  |  | 170 |

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 6-Cowal:

| Candidate Name | Stage at which <br> Candidate was Elected |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Gordon BLAIR | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 1 |
| Yvonne MCNEILLY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 1 |
| William SINCLAIR | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 6 |

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

| 2011 Order <br> Rule 44(1) | Adjudication Rejection Reason | Number |
| :--- | :--- | :---: |
|  | Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by <br> electronic means | 0 |
| (a) | On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some <br> candidate | 3 |
| (b) | On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of <br> more than one candidate | 49 |
| (c) | On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed <br> number and other unique identifying mark on the back | 0 |
| (d) | Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty | Total |

