

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 6 - Cowal
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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 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	170
Total		3,277

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which 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 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	49
(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	12
Total		64