Aberdeenshire Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 19 - Mearns

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 19 - Mearns. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 12,414 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,457 giving a percentage turnout of 27.8%. There were 22 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,718.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Isobel KNIGHTS	Scottish Liberal Democrats	745
Claudia LEITH	Reform UK	375
William Stanley Raymond LINEGAR	Scottish Greens	136
Hannah Elizabeth SCOTT	Scottish National Party (SNP)	832
Tracey SMITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,347
	Tota	3,435

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 19 - Mearns:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Tracey SMITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	4

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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	10
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	0
(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	22