## 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 are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,244 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,839 giving a percentage turnout of 47.7%. There were 57 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,157.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Yvonne ALLAN	Scottish Labour Party	336
Laurie CARNIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	619
George CARR	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,217
Alison Elizabeth McBean EVISON	Independent	623
Shona EWEN	Scottish Liberal Democrats	377
Douglas FRASER	Scottish Green Party	194
Diane Elizabeth LAURENSON	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	52
David Allen NEILL	Independent	75
Kevin STELFOX	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,677
Dave STEWART		513
Leigh WILSON	Alba Party for independence	99
	Total	5,782

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Laurie CARNIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	10
George CARR	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Alison Elizabeth McBean EVISON	Independent	10
Kevin STELFOX	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	54
(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	0
	Total	57