

EAST RENFREWSHIRE COUNCIL

10 September 2025

Report by Chief Executive / Returning Officer

REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER – WARD 1: BARRHEAD, LIBOSIDE
AND UPLAWMOOR BY-ELECTION

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To advise Council on the outcome of the East Renfrewshire Council Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor By-election and on the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by the new Elected Member for that Ward.

RECOMMENDATION

2. It is recommended that the Council notes the results of the Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor By-election and that the new Elected Member, Julie Ann Costello McHale, Scottish Labour Party, has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

BACKGROUND

3. The East Renfrewshire Council By-election for Ward 1: Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor was held on Thursday 21 August 2025 with the electronic verification and counting of votes (eCount) taking place on Friday 22 August 2025, at Barrhead Foundry, Main Street, Barrhead.

REPORT

Notice of Election

4. In terms of Rule 3 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, the Notice of the By-election was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock; the Council Offices Main Street, Barrhead; and on the Council's website; and shared across the Council's social media platforms.

Notice of Poll

5. In terms of Rule 20 of the Scottish Local Government Election Rules, the Notice of Poll detailing Candidates was exhibited at Council Headquarters, Eastwood Park, Rouken Glen Road, Giffnock; the Council Offices, Main Street, Barrhead; and on the Council's website; and shared across the Council's social media platforms.

Enumeration Proceedings

6. The electronic verification and counting of the votes (eCount) took place in accordance with the provisions of the said Rules and under the supervision of the Returning Officer at Barrhead Foundry, Main Street, Barrhead on Friday 22 August 2025.

7. The overall Ward turnout was 29.9 % of the electorate. The total number of ballot papers received was 4,585. Of these, 4,542 were considered valid and 43 were rejected.

Election of a Councillor

8. Julie Ann Costello McHale, Scottish Labour Party was elected to serve the Barrhead, Liboside and Uplawmoor Ward of East Renfrewshire Council from Friday 22 August 2025.

9. The Acceptance of Declaration of Office was signed at the eCount Centre by Julie Ann Costello McHale in the presence of the Council's Chief Legal Officer (Monitoring Officer), Gerry Mahon, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

7. There are no financial implications arising from this report.

CONSULTATION AND PARTNERSHIP WORKING

8. No consultations were carried out in the preparation of this report.

RECOMMENDATION

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