East Renfrewshire Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 5 - Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 5 - Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 18,286 and the number of ballot papers received was 9,701 giving a percentage turnout of 53.1%. There were 139 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,913.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Andrew ANDERSON	Scottish Labour Party	1,831
Caroline BAMFORTH	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2,325
Paul EDLIN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	2,016
Jim MCLEAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,584
Victoria PALMER-DYER	Scottish Green Party	456
Luke REID	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	119
Amer SIDDIQUI	Alba Party for independence	120
Paul SMITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,067
Mark Niven TURNBULL	Freedom Alliance. Stop the Great Reset.	44
	Total	9,562

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 5 - Newton Mearns South and Eaglesham:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Andrew ANDERSON	Scottish Labour Party	2
Caroline BAMFORTH	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Paul EDLIN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1
Jim MCLEAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	9

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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	1
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	119
(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	19
	Total	139