

## Declaration of Results

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

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Ward 5 - Inverclyde West

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 5 - Inverclyde West. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 8,775 and the number of ballot papers received was 2,758 giving a percentage turnout of 31.4%. There were 19 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,370.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
John Stuart Bennet BURLEIGH	Reform UK	230
Ian HELLYER	Scottish Labour Party	932
Robert KIRKPATRICK	Scottish National Party (SNP)	923
Christopher William MCELENY	Alba Party	239
Ted RUNCIMAN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	415
	<b>Total</b>	<b>2,739</b>

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 5 - Inverclyde West:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Ian HELLYER	Scottish Labour Party	5

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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	18
(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	1
	<b>Total</b>	<b>19</b>