West Lothian Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name	Ward 1 - Linlithgow

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 1 - Linlithgow. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 12,435 and the number of ballot papers received was 7,170 giving a percentage turnout of 57.7%. There were 53 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,780.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Pamela BARNES	Scottish Green Party	941
Tom CONN	Labour and Co-operative Party	1,391
Chris HORNE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,411
Pauline ORR	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,869
Sally PATTLE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1,447
Rik SMITH	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	58
	Total	7,117

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 1 - Linlithgow:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Tom CONN	Labour and Co-operative Party	5
Pauline ORR	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Sally PATTLE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	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	15
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	1
(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	37
	Total	53