West Lothian Council

Declaration of Results

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Contest Name

Ward 4 - Livingston South

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 4 - Livingston South. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 19,101 and the number of ballot papers received was 7,684 giving a percentage turnout of 40.2%. There were 118 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,514.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Eddie ANDERSON	Independent	384
Lawrence FITZPATRICK	Scottish Labour Party	2,028
Cameron GLASGOW	Scottish Green Party	328
Margaret HAMILTON	Scottish Family Party Pro-Family, Pro-Marriage, Pro-Life	80
Peter HEGGIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	884
Caron LINDSAY	Scottish Liberal Democrats	167
Maria MACAULAY	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2,252
Moira MCKEE SHEMILT	Scottish National Party (SNP)	698
Eddie MILLAR	Independent	323
Craig SMITH	Scottish Labour Party	422
	Total	7,566

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 4 - Livingston South:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Lawrence FITZPATRICK	Scottish Labour Party	1
Peter HEGGIE	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	10
Maria MACAULAY	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Moira MCKEE SHEMILT	Scottish National Party (SNP)	7

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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	16
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	16
(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	86
	Total	118