West Lothian Council

Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name	Ward 8 - Bathgate

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 8 - Bathgate. There are 4 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 18,082 and the number of ballot papers received was 7,551 giving a percentage turnout of 41.8%. There were 138 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,483.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
William Hannah BOYLE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,806
Harry CARTMILL	Scottish Labour Party	2,496
Gordon DENT	Alba Party for independence	67
Siobhan FLANNIGAN	Scottish Green Party	281
Charles KENNEDY	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,048
John Swanson MACKENZIE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	150
Tony PEARSON	Scottish Labour Party	375
Pauline STAFFORD	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,190
	Total	7,413

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 8 - Bathgate:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
William Hannah BOYLE	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1
Harry CARTMILL	Scottish Labour Party	1
Tony PEARSON	Scottish Labour Party	8
Pauline STAFFORD	Scottish National Party (SNP)	3

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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	9
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	14
(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	115
	Total	138