## West Lothian Council

## **Declaration of Results**

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**Contest Name** 

Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge. There are 3 Councillors to be elected.

The electorate was 13,162 and the number of ballot papers received was 5,314 giving a percentage turnout of 40.4%. There were 58 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,315.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation		Number of First Preference Votes
Stuart BORROWMAN	Independent	•	2,571
Sophie BRODIE	Scottish Green Party		136
John HANNAH	Independence for Scotland Party		43
Lynda KENNA	Scottish National Party (SNP)		1,159
Helen MACKENZIE	Scottish Liberal Democrats		50
Andrew MCGUIRE	Scottish Labour Party		742
Chris TERRY	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		555
		Total	5,256

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following are elected as Councillors for the Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Stuart BORROWMAN	Independent	1
Lynda KENNA	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2
Andrew MCGUIRE	Scottish Labour Party	6

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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	6
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	8
(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	44
	Total	58