

## Declaration of Results

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

Contest Name

Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 16,764 and the number of ballot papers received was 3,719 giving a percentage turnout of 22.2%. There were 44 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,838.

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

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Number of First Preference Votes
Douglas Thomas BUTLER	Scottish Liberal Democrats	102
Callum COX	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,028
Thomas Robert LYNCH	Independent	484
Samuel James Robert MCCULLOCH	Scottish Labour Party	627
David MCLENNAN	Reform UK	1,177
Eddie MILLAR	Independent	27
Reece SINNOTT	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	129
Robbie Gerald WALKER	Scottish Greens	101
Total		3,675

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 7 - Whitburn and Blackburn:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
David MCLENNAN	Reform UK	8

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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	2
(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	36
Total		44