
NORTH AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

18 May 2022

North Ayrshire Council

Title: Report of the Returning Officer

Purpose: To advise of the outcome of the Elections to North Ayrshire Council held on Thursday 5 May 2022 and on the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by all Elected Members.

Recommendation: That Council notes the content of this report.

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report provides details of the results of the Elections to North Ayrshire Council held on Thursday 5 May 2022 and on the signing of the Declaration of Acceptance of Office by all Elected Members.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Elections to the nine wards within the North Ayrshire Council area were held on Thursday 5 May 2022 with the electronic verification and counting of votes (eCount) taking place on Friday 6 May 2022 at The Portal, High Street, Irvine.
- 2.2 The overall turnout was 44% of the electorate. The total number of ballots received was 48,121. Of these, 47,003 (43%) were considered valid and 1,118 (1%) were rejected.

3. Proposals

- 3.1 As Returning Officer, I wish to report that the following Members were elected to serve on North Ayrshire Council from Friday 6 May 2022:-

WARD 01: NORTH COAST	
No. of Members Elected:	5
Ward Turnout:	53.9 %
Rejected Ballots	160
Name of Members Elected for Ward 01 North Coast:	
Eleanor Collier, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Todd Ferguson, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Alan Hill, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Tom Marshall, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Ian Murdoch, Independent	

WARD 02: GARNOCK VALLEY	
No. of Members Elected:	5
Ward Turnout:	44.1 %
Rejected Ballots	167
Name of Members Elected for Ward 02 Garnock Valley:	
John Bell, Scottish Labour Party	
Anthea Dickson, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Margaret Johnson, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Donald L Reid, Independent	
Ronnie Stalker, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	

WARD 03: ARDROSSAN	
No. of Members Elected:	3
Ward Turnout:	42.8 %
Rejected Ballots	70
Name and address of Members Elected for Ward 03 Ardrossan:	
Stewart Ferguson, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Tony Gurney, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Amanda Kerr, Scottish Labour Party	

WARD 04: ARRAN	
No. of Members Elected:	1
Ward Turnout:	60.3 %
Rejected Ballots	23
Name of Member Elected for Ward 04 Arran:	
Timothy Billings, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	

WARD 05: SALTCOATS AND STEVENSTON	
No. of Members Elected:	5
Ward Turnout:	39.6 %
Rejected Ballots	202
Name of Members Elected for Ward 05 Saltcoats and Stevenston:	
Cameron Inglis, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Jean McClung, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Davina McTiernan, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Jim Montgomerie, Scottish Labour Party	
John Sweeney, Scottish Labour Party	

WARD 06: KILWINNING	
No. of Members Elected:	4
Ward Turnout:	42.2 %
Rejected Ballots	171
Name of Members Elected for Ward 06 Kilwinning:	
Joe Cullinane, Labour and Co-operative Party	
Scott Davidson, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
John Glover, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Donald Reid, Labour and Co-operative Party	

WARD 07: IRVINE WEST	
No. of Members Elected:	4
Ward Turnout:	39.8 %
Rejected Ballots	142
Name of Members Elected for Ward 07 Irvine West:	
Scott Gallacher, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	
Shaun Macaulay, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Louise McPhater, Scottish Labour Party	
Chloe Robertson, Scottish National Party (SNP)	

WARD 08: IRVINE EAST	
No. of Members Elected:	3
Ward Turnout:	40.3 %
Rejected Ballots	87
Name of Members Elected for Ward 08 Irvine East:	
Marie Burns, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Nairn McDonald, Labour and Co-operative Party	
Angela Stephen, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	

WARD 09: IRVINE SOUTH	
No. of Members Elected:	3
Ward Turnout:	38.4 %
Rejected Ballots	96
Name of Members Elected for Ward 09 Irvine South:	
Robert Foster, Scottish Labour Party	
Christina Larsen, Scottish National Party (SNP)	
Matthew McLean, Scottish Conservative and Unionist	

- 3.2 I wish to further report that the Acceptance of Declaration of Office has been duly signed by all 33 Elected Members mentioned above in the presence of a Council Solicitor, and in accordance with the relevant provisions of the Local Government (Scotland) Act, 1973.

3.3 The composition of North Ayrshire Council is therefore:-

- Scottish National Party (SNP) – 12 Elected Members
- Scottish Conservative and Unionist – 10 Elected Members
- Scottish Labour Party – 9 Elected Members (*Note: three of these Elected Members use the description Labour and Co-operative Party*)
- Independent – 2 Elected Members

4. Implications/Socio-economic Duty

Financial

4.1 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Human Resources

4.2 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Legal

4.3 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Equality/Socio-economic

4.4 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Climate Change and Carbon

4.5 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Key Priorities

4.6 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

Community Wealth Building

4.7 None arising from the recommendations of this report.

5. Consultation

5.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer was consulted in the preparation of this report.

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Background Papers

None