

ANGUS COUNCIL

ANGUS COUNCIL – 8 DECEMBER 2016

RESULTS OF ARBROATH EAST & LUNAN BY-ELECTION

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE & RETURNING OFFICER

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the outcome of the Arbroath East & Lunan by-election which was held on Monday 28 November 2016.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Note that Brenda Durno was duly elected as a Councillor for the Arbroath East & Lunan Ward of Angus Council.

2. BACKGROUND

Following the resignation of Councillor Bob Spink on 2 September 2016 a by-election was held on Monday 28 November 2016 to elect one councillor to the Arbroath East & Lunan ward of Angus Council.

3. CURRENT POSITION

The number of first preference votes received by each candidate was:

Name	Party	Number of Votes
Brenda DURNO	Scottish National Party (SNP)	919
Richard Stanley MOORE	Scottish Liberal Democrats	60
John RUDDY	Scottish Labour Party	177
Kevin SMITH	Independent	309
Lois Elizabeth SPEED	Independent	452
Derek WANN	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	709

The quota for this election was 1,314. As no candidate was elected at the first stage, the candidate with the least number of votes was eliminated and their second preference votes re distributed. This process was repeated until a candidate reached the quota and was elected to fill the vacancy. As a result of this process Brenda Durno was duly elected to serve as a Councillor for the Arbroath East & Lunan ward of Angus Council at Stage 6 with 1,357 votes.

The total number of valid votes cast at this election was 2,626.

The turnout was for this election was 21.5%.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

The costs incurred in running this by-election including the costs of electronic counting will be met from the Miscellaneous Services budget and amount to approximately £21,500.

5. CONSULTATION (IF APPLICABLE)

The Strategic Director – Resources, Head of Corporate Improvement and Finance and Head of Legal and Democratic Services have been consulted on the terms of this report.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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