

ANGUS COUNCIL

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RESULTS OF CARNOUSTIE & DISTRICT BY-ELECTION

REPORT BY THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE & RETURNING OFFICER

ABSTRACT

The purpose of this report is to advise members of the outcome of the Carnoustie & District by-election which was held on Monday 5 December 2016.

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Council:

- (i) Note that David Cheape was duly elected as a Councillor for the Carnoustie & District Ward of Angus Council.

2. BACKGROUND

Following the death of Provost Helen Oswald on 13 October 2016 a by-election was held on Monday 5 December 2016 to elect one councillor to the Carnoustie & District ward of Angus Council.

3. CURRENT POSITION

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

Name	Party	Number of Votes
David CHEAPE	Independent	1401
Mark MCDONALD	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1033
Beth MORRISON	Scottish Liberal Democrats	75
Derek SHAW	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	568
Ray STRACHAN	Scottish Labour Party	141

The quota for this election was 1610. 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 David Cheape was duly elected to serve as a Councillor for the Carnoustie & District ward of Angus Council at Stage 4 with 1737 votes.

The total number of valid votes cast at this election was 3218.

The turnout was for this election was 30.2%.

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

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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