

# Report

Report to: **South Lanarkshire Council**  
 Date of Meeting: **23 May 2007**  
 Report by: **Returning Officer**

Subject: **Local Government Election - 3 May 2007**

## 1. Purpose of Report

1.1. The purpose of the report is to:-

- ◆ provide details on the results of the local government election held on 3 May 2007.

## 2. Recommendation(s)

2.1. The Council is asked to approve the following recommendation(s):-

- (1) that the election of the candidates, as detailed in paragraph 4.1, to serve on South Lanarkshire Council be noted.

## 3. Background

3.1. The Local Governance (Scotland) Act 2004 introduced Proportional Representation in the form of the Single Transferable Vote (STV) to local government elections. The number of wards within South Lanarkshire had been reduced from 67 to 20, with 3 or 4 councillors representing each ward. The total number of elected members, however, remains at 67.

## 4. Results of Election

4.1. The results of the election and candidates elected are detailed as follows:-

### Ward 1 (Clydesdale West)

**Electorate - 14775**

**Percentage Poll – 52.36%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Alex Allison	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	984	Yes (7)
Ian Gray	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1948	Yes (1)
Eileen Logan	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	2549	Yes (1)
Robin Mawhinney	Scottish Christian Party "Proclaiming Christ's Lordship"	180	
Peter Meehan	Scottish Liberal Democrats	490	
Betty Rush	Scottish Labour Party	359	

David R Shearer	Candidate Scottish National Party (SNP)	925	Yes (7)
Ruth Thomas	Scottish Green Party	174	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 127**

**Total Votes Cast - 7736**

**Ward 2 (Clydesdale North)**

**Electorate - 11430      Percentage Poll – 52.66%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Thomas Davidson	Scottish Green Party	265	
Kenny Douglas	Scottish Liberal Democrats	841	
Mary McNeill	Scottish Labour Party	1237	Yes (4)
	Candidate		
Brian Reilly	Scottish Labour Party	1019	
	Candidate		
Patrick Ross-Taylor	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1090	Yes (6)
George Sutherland	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1468	Yes (2)

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 99**

**Total Votes Cast - 6019**

**Ward 3 (Clydesdale East)**

**Electorate - 9907      Percentage Poll – 54.79%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Ralph Barker	Scottish Labour Party	832	
	Candidate		
Tom Dalbindle	Independent	101	
Beith Forrest	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1204	Yes (5)
Bev Gauld	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1042	Yes (4)
Tom Mitchell	Scottish National Party (SNP)	824	
Hamish Stewart	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1048	Yes (7)
Ron Waddell	Scottish Liberal Democrats	305	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 72**

**Total Votes Cast - 5428**

**Ward 4 (Clydesdale South)**

**Electorate - 11359      Percentage Poll – 55.60%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
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John Bailie	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	734	
Archie Manson	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1156	Yes (5)
Alex McInnes	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1245	Yes (5)
Billy McLean	Scottish Green Party	183	
Danny Meikle	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1709	Yes (1)
David Smart	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1148	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 141**

**Total Votes Cast - 6316**

**Ward 5 (Avondale and Stonehouse)**

**Electorate - 13144**

**Percentage Poll – 55.71%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Nigel Benzies	Scottish Liberal Democrats	414	
Stuart Brown	Independent	238	
Graeme Campbell	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1384	Yes (2)
Lynn Filshie	Independent	797	Yes (8)
William Holman	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1989	Yes (1)
John Innes	Scottish Green Party	333	
James Malloy	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1071	Yes (8)
Ian McInnes	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	788	
Frank Reilly	Independent	198	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 110**

**Total Votes Cast - 7322**

**Ward 6 (East Kilbride South)**

**Electorate - 11701**

**Percentage Poll – 49.48%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Gillian Alexander	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	356	
Archie Buchanan	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2431	Yes (1)
Drew Campbell	Scottish Green Party	167	
Jim Docherty	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1900	Yes (1)
Douglas Edwards	Scottish National Party (SNP)	294	Yes (8)
Lynsey McGregor	Scottish Socialist Party	63	

Colin McKay	East Kilbride Alliance	358
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John Park	Solidarity – Tommy Sheridan	129
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**Ballot Papers Rejected – 92**

**Total Votes Cast - 5790**

**Ward 7 (East Kilbride Central South)**

**Electorate - 11524**

**Percentage Poll – 54.83%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
John Anderson	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1970	Yes (1)
Iain Cameron	East Kilbride Alliance	309	
Alison Campbell	Scottish Green Party	254	
Gerry Convery	Scottish Labour Party	1692	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
Colin Linskey	Scottish Liberal Democrats	316	
Mark Sands	Scottish Socialist Party	150	
Anne Stewart	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	383	
Pat Watters	Scottish Labour Party	1089	Yes (8)
	Candidate		

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 156**

**Total Votes Cast - 6319**

**Ward 8 (East Kilbride Central North)**

**Electorate - 14310**

**Percentage Poll – 56.99%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Raymond Burke	Scottish Green Party	500	
Tim Gingell	East Kilbride Alliance	169	
Clare Keane	East Kilbride Alliance	227	
Anne Maggs	Scottish National Party (SNP)	2248	Yes (1)
Alice Marie Mitchell	Scottish Labour Party	1899	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
Catherine Pedersen	Scottish Socialist Party	130	
Isabel Perratt	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	545	
Gordon Smith	Scottish Liberal Democrats	446	
Christopher Thompson	Scottish Labour Party	1229	Yes (7)
	Candidate		
Sheena Wardhaugh	Scottish National Party (SNP)	538	Yes (10)

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 224**

**Total Votes Cast - 8155**

**Ward 9 (East Kilbride West)****Electorate - 10938****Percentage Poll – 56.73%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Pauline Aaron	Scottish Liberal Democrats	437	
Brian Jones	East Kilbride Alliance	259	
Kitty MacKenzie	Scottish Green Party	232	
Michael McCann	Scottish Labour Party	1805	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
Margaret McCulloch	Scottish Labour Party	688	
	Candidate		
Graham Simpson	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	860	Yes (7)
David Watson	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1861	Yes (1)

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 63****Total Votes Cast - 6205****Ward 10 (East Kilbride East)****Electorate - 9765****Percentage Poll – 54.62%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
John Cairney	Scottish Labour Party	1414	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
John Doyle	Independent	122	
Ian Harrow	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	493	
Richard Naismith	East Kilbride Alliance	189	
Graham Scott	Scottish Labour Party	639	Yes (8)
	Candidate		
Jim Wardhaugh	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1896	Yes (1)
Mark Watson	Scottish Liberal Democrats	271	
Andrew Williamson	Scottish Green Party	210	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 99****Total Votes Cast - 5333****Ward 11 (Rutherglen South)****Electorate - 11376****Percentage Poll – 55.77%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Eileen Baxendale	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1077	Yes (7)
Danny Campbell	Scottish Liberal Democrats	506	
Michael A Haigh	Scottish Unionist, Proudly	135	

Anne Higgins	Scottish, Proudly British Scottish National Party (SNP)	1045	Yes (10)
Brian McCutcheon	Independent	285	
Brian McKenna	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1534	Yes (3)
Jean Miller	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	529	
Patricia Osborne	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	846	
John Patrick	Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax	106	
Michael Tobin	Scottish Green Party	150	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 131**

**Total Votes Cast - 6344**

**Ward 12 (Rutherglen Central and North)**

**Electorate - 10867**

**Percentage Poll – 49.15%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Gordon Clark	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1198	Yes (5)
Janette Little	Scottish Liberal Democrats	666	
Susan Martin	Scottish Green Party	176	
Edward McAvoy	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1833	Yes (1)
Denis McKenna	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	786	Yes (8)
Jim Nixon	Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British	157	
Ian Raeburn	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	283	
John Starrs	Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax	126	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 116**

**Total Votes Cast - 5341**

**Ward 13 (Cambuslang West)**

**Electorate - 11591**

**Percentage Poll – 53.68%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
David Baillie	Scottish Liberal Democrats	1191	Yes (5)
Russell Clearie	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1253	Yes (7)
Malcolm Macaskill	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	772	
David McClemont	Scottish Socialist Party –	130	

Clare McColl	Scrap Council Tax Scottish National Party (SNP)	1209	Yes (7)
John McGuinness	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1225	
Jimi Moore	Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British	154	
Christian Schmidt	Scottish Green Party	187	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 101**

**Total Votes Cast - 6222**

**Ward 14 (Cambuslang East)**

**Electorate - 10394**

**Percentage Poll – 46.87%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Walter Brogan	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1544	Yes (1)
Louise Ann Campbell	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	423	
Pam Clearie	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	859	Yes (4)
John Higgins	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1120	Yes (4)
Tunweer Malik	Scottish Liberal Democrats	684	
David Stevenson	Scottish Socialist Party – Scrap Council Tax	137	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 105**

**Total Votes Cast - 4872**

**Ward 15 (Blantyre)**

**Electorate - 13782**

**Percentage Poll – 48.02%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Hugh Dunsmuir	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1586	Yes (1)
Jim Handibode	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1121	Yes (2)
Michael T McGlynn	Independent	748	
John McNamee	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1253	Yes (6)
Morag Redpath	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	327	
Bert Thomson	Independent	1365	Yes (1)
Gavin Wallace	Independent	52	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 166**

**Total Votes Cast - 6618**

**Ward 16 (Bothwell and Uddingston)****Electorate - 9788****Percentage Poll – 55.83%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Maureen Devlin	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1292	Yes (4)
Douglas Herbison	Scottish Liberal Democrats	477	
James McGuigan	Scottish National Party (SNP)	998	Yes (7)
Henry Mitchell	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1615	Yes (1)
Pat Morgan	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	696	
Denis Reilly	Solidarity – Tommy Sheridan	132	
Kenneth Robb	Scottish Green Party	168	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 87****Total Votes Cast - 5465****Ward 17 (Hamilton North and East)****Electorate - 12084****Percentage Poll – 48.04%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Hugh Clements	Independent	190	
Barry Douglas	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1769	Yes (1)
Andrew Leitch	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	917	
David McLachlan	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1335	Yes (4)
Mary Smith	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1221	Yes (6)
James Ward	Independent	214	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 159****Total Votes Cast - 5805****Ward 18 (Hamilton West and Earnock)****Electorate - 13749****Percentage Poll – 46.90%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
John Anderson	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	606	
Allan Falconer	Scottish Labour Party Candidate	1670	Yes (1)
Tommy Gilligan	Independent	1433	Yes (1)
Scot Graham	Scottish Green Party	167	
Graeme Horne	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1591	Yes (1)



Gordon McGovern	Scottish Socialist Party	124	
Jean McKeown	Scottish Labour Party	743	Yes (7)
	Candidate		

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 114**

**Total Votes Cast - 6448**

**Ward 19 (Hamilton South)**

**Electorate - 15037**

**Percentage Poll – 51.02%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
John Carracher	Independent	464	
David Holland	Independent	215	
Bobby Lawson	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1791	Yes (1)
Joe Lowe	Scottish Labour Party	2626	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
Denize McBride	Scottish Green Party	188	
Brian McCaig	Scottish Labour Party	1005	Yes (2)
	Candidate		
John Murray	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	808	Yes (8)
John Oswald	Scottish Liberal Democrats	427	

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 148**

**Total Votes Cast - 7672**

**Ward 20 (Larkhall)**

**Electorate - 14934**

**Percentage Poll – 48.70%**

<b>Candidate</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>No of first preferences</b>	<b>Elected (stage no)</b>
Jackie Burns	Scottish Labour Party	2699	Yes (1)
	Candidate		
Gregor Cameron	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	563	
Andy Carmichael	Scottish Labour Party	366	Yes (7)
	Candidate		
Peter Craig	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1264	Yes (4)
Robin Cunningham	Scottish Labour Party	502	
	Candidate		
Callan Dick	Scottish Liberal Democrats	349	
Mary Duckett	Scottish Unionist, Proudly Scottish, Proudly British	466	
Lesley McDonald	Scottish National Party (SNP)	890	Yes (7)

**Ballot Papers Rejected – 174**

**Total Votes Cast - 7273**

## **5. Employee Implications**

5.1. None

## **6. Financial Implications**

6.1. None

## **7. Other Implications**

6.1. None

## **8. Consultation**

7.1. Not applicable

**Archibald Strang**  
**Returning Officer**

4 May 2007

### **Link(s) to Council Objectives**

- ◆ Creating Successful Communities
- ◆ Learning in the Community
- ◆ Living in the Community
- ◆ Supporting Communities
- ◆ Modernising Services
- ◆ Resource Management

### **Previous References**

None

### **List of Background Papers**

- ◆ Results sheet for each electoral ward held by the Returning Officer

### **Contact for Further Information**

If you would like to inspect the background papers or want further information, please contact:-

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