

## ANGUS COUNCIL

## ANGUS COUNCIL – 9 MAY 2024

## RESULTS OF THE ARBROATH WEST, LETHAM &amp; FRIOCKHEIM BY-ELECTION

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**1. ABSTRACT**

- 1.1 The purpose of this Report is to advise members of the outcome of the Arbroath West, Letham & Friockheim by-election which was held on Thursday 25 April 2024.

**2. ALIGNMENT TO THE COUNCIL PLAN AND COUNCIL POLICIES**

- Enable inclusive, empowered, resilient and safe communities across Angus

**3. RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 It is recommended that the Council:-

- (i) note that Jack Alistair James Cruickshanks was duly elected as a Councillor for the Arbroath West, Letham & Friockheim Ward of Angus Council.

**4. BACKGROUND**

- 4.1 Following the resignation of Councillor David Fairweather on 9 February 2024 a by-election was held on Thursday 25 April 2024 to elect one councillor to the Arbroath West, Letham & Friockheim ward of Angus Council.

**5. CURRENT POSITION**

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

<b>Name</b>	<b>Party</b>	<b>Number of Votes</b>
Jack Alistair James CRUICKSHANKS	Scottish Conservative and Unionist	1,682
Mark David FINDLAY	Scottish Green Party	176
Mark HILTON	Scottish Labour Party	644
Sandra O'SHEA	Scottish Liberal Democrats	333
Kathleen WOLF	Scottish National Party (SNP)	1,175

The quota for this election was 2,006. As no candidate was elected at the first stage, the candidate with the least number of votes was eliminated and their second preference votes redistributed. This process was repeated until a candidate reached the quota and was elected to fill the vacancy. As a result of this process Jack Alistair James Cruickshanks was duly elected to serve as a Councillor for the Arbroath West, Letham & Friockheim ward of Angus Council at Stage 5 with 2,450 votes.

The total number of valid votes cast at this election was 4,010.

The turnout was for this election was 29.4%.

A full breakdown of results is available to download from the Council's website [Elections and voting | Angus Council](#).

## **6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 6.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this Report.
- 6.2 The costs incurred in running this by-election including the costs of electronic counting will be met from the Provision for Additional Burdens revenue budget over financial years 2023/24 and 2024/25.

## **7. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 7.1 There are no direct risks arising from the recommendations of this Report.

## **8. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 8.1 There are no direct environmental implications arising from the recommendations of this Report.

## **9. EQUALITY IMPACT ASSESSMENT, HUMAN RIGHTS AND FAIRER SCOTLAND DUTY**

- 9.1 A screening assessment has been undertaken and a full Equality Impact Assessment is not required for the following reason – this Report does not impact on people as it is technical.

## **10. CONSULTATION**

- 10.1 The Director of Finance and the Director of Legal, Governance and Change have been consulted in the preparation 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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