## West Lothian Council

## **Declaration of Results**

This report is the Declaration of Results script for Returning Officer.

**Contest Name** 

Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge

I will now declare the result of the election in the Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge. There is 1 Councillor to be elected.

The electorate was 13,371 and the number of ballot papers received was 2,770 giving a percentage turnout of 20.7%. There were 22 rejected ballot papers. The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1,375.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

Candidate Name	Affiliation		Number of First reference Votes
Keith Alan BARCLAY	Scottish National Party (SNP)		777
Douglas Thomas BUTLER	Scottish Liberal Democrats		122
John HANNAH	Independence for Scotland Party		236
Susan MANION	Scottish Labour Party		795
David MCLENNAN	Reform UK		519
Adam William RAFFERTY	Scottish Greens		73
Douglas SMITH	Scottish Conservative and Unionist		226
		Total	2,748

After application of the Election Rules, I declare that the following is elected as Councillor for the Ward 9 - Armadale and Blackridge:

Candidate Name	Affiliation	Stage at which Candidate was Elected
Susan MANION	Scottish Labour Party	7

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Of the total ballot papers, the following were rejected and not counted on account of:

2011 Order Rule 44(1)	Adjudication Rejection Reason	Number
(a)	Which does not bear a unique identifying mark in a form that is capable of being read by electronic means	0
(b)	On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate	0
(c)	On which the figure "1" standing alone indicating a first preference is set opposite the name of more than one candidate	1
(d)	On which anything is written or marked by which the voter can be identified except the printed number and other unique identifying mark on the back	0
(e)	Which is unmarked or void for uncertainty	21
	Total	22