

**COUNCIL – 21 JULY 2008**

## **BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL RINGWOOD SOUTH WARD – 19 JUNE 2008 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

1. An election to fill the vacancy for the Ringwood South Ward, caused by the death of former Councillor D Cracknell, was held on 19 June 2008. The election was combined with the election to fill the vacancy in the same ward of the Ringwood Town Council. Three candidates were validly nominated for the election – Peter Chambers, Peter Harper and Jeremy Heron.

2. The following votes were cast for each candidate: -

Peter Chambers (Liberal Democrat) - 354

Peter Harper (Labour) – 113

Jeremy Heron (Conservative) – 610

Cllr Jeremy Heron has therefore been declared duly elected a Councillor for the Ringwood South Ward of New Forest District Council.

3. The percentage poll was 23.25%

4. Cllr Jeremy Heron has given notice of his intention to join the Conservative Group on the Council. The political representation on the Council is now:

Conservative	46
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Liberal Democrat	14
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### **Background Papers:**

Published documents