

Dear Councillor

COUNCIL - MONDAY, 22 MAY 2023

Please find attached, for consideration at the meeting of the Council on Monday, 22 May 2023, the following reports that were unavailable when the agenda was published.

Agenda No Item

10. **Elections 4 May 2023 - Report of the Returning Officer (Pages 3 - 32)**
To receive the report of the Returning Officer for the elections held on Thursday 4 May 2023.

13. **Allocation of Seats and Appointments to Committees and Panels (Pages 33 - 38)**
To agree the allocation of seats to the political groups on those Committees and Panels to which the political balance rules apply, and to approve the appointment of Members to Committees and Panels.

Yours sincerely

Kate Ryan
Chief Executive

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ANNUAL COUNCIL – 22 MAY 2023

ELECTIONS 4 MAY 2023 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER

1. RECOMMENDATION

1.1 That the Returning Officer's report, be noted.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

2.1 The quadrennial elections for members of the District Council and Parish and Town Councils in the New Forest District took place on Thursday 4 May 2023.

2.2 Following the conclusion of the Electoral Review of the District Council, carried out by the Local Government Boundary Commission, the number of New Forest District Councillors reduced from 60 to 48 for these elections.

2.3 Notices of election for the 48 seats on the District Council and the 350 seats on the Parish/Town Councils were published on Monday 20 March 2023. The number of candidates validly nominated were:

- District Council – 160
- Parish/Town Councils – 367

2.4 At the elections in May 2019, there were 130 candidates for District Council seats and 361 for Parish/Town Councils.

2.5 This set of elections has been particularly complex and in line with good practice we will undertake a review to identify where improvements can be made for future elections. The conclusions of this review will be brought forward as an item to General Purposes & Licensing Committee in due course.

3. POLLS

3.1 All 26 District Wards were contested.

3.2 Elections were held in the following Parish/Town Councils

- Fawley Parish Council (Blackfield & Langley and Holbury Ward)
- Fordingbridge Town Council
- Hythe & Dibden Parish Council (Butts Ash Ward, Dibden Purlieu Ward, Dibden Ward, Hythe East Ward, Hythe West Ward and Langdown Ward)
- Lymington & Pennington Town Council (Buckland Ward, Lymington Ward and Pennington Ward)
- New Milton Town Council (Ashley North Ward, Ashley South Ward, Ballard Ward, Barton & Becton Ward, Bashley Ward and Milton Ward)
- Ringwood Town Council (Ringwood North Ward and Ringwood South Ward)
- Totton & Eling Town Council (Totton Central Ward, Totton East Ward, Totton North Ward, Totton South East Ward, Totton South Ward, Totton South West Ward and Totton West Ward)
- Woodgreen Parish Council

- 3.3 38 Parish/Town Councils or Parish/Town Council wards were uncontested, and 199 candidates were elected unopposed.
- 3.4 Polling took place at 98 polling stations. The verification and the counting of votes were held at Applemore Health & Leisure following the close of poll.
- 3.5 Postal ballot papers were issued to 22,450 electors, and 16,002 items of post were returned. 15,732 district postal papers were included in the count. 10,196 parish postal papers were also included in the count. 0.3% of the postal votes returned were rejected on opening because the signatures or dates of birth were missing or did not match those recorded at application. A further 1.1% were rejected due to there being no postal voting statement. These were not included in the count.
- 3.6 A total of 45,511 District ballot papers were included in the count. 353 ballot papers (0.8%) were spoilt and were rejected. This is lower than the 2.8% rejected in 2019.
- 3.7 A total of 28,985 Parish ballot papers were included in the count. 328 ballot papers (1.1%) were spoilt and were rejected. This is higher than the 0.9% rejected in 2019.

4. DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

- 4.1 The results are shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The overall percentage poll for the District Council elections was 32.4% which matched the turn out recorded at the last quadrennial elections in May 2019.

5. PARISH COUNCIL POLLS AND ELECTION RESULTS

- 5.1 All Parish/Town Council election results are on the District Council's website at www.newforest.gov.uk/article/3298/Town-and-parish-election-results
- 5.2 The overall percentage poll for the Parish/Town Council elections was 30.6%
- 5.3 Where insufficient nominations were received to fill all the vacant seats, the Parish or Town Council may within 35 days of the election, co-opt members to fill the vacancies. Any person co-opted must meet the usual qualification rules for membership of a Parish or Town Council.
- 5.4 Insufficient nominations were received for Rockbourne Parish Council and therefore a new notice of election was published on the District Council's website on Tuesday 9 May 2023.

6. VOTER ID

- 6.1 These elections were the first subject to the new Elections Act 2022 regulations which required electors to produce an accepted form of photographic ID before they may be issued with a ballot paper.
- 6.2 56 voters applied for and were not initially issued with a ballot paper. Of those 57.1% later returned with an accepted form of ID and were issued with a ballot paper.

6.3 24 electors applied for but were not issued with a ballot paper by close of poll, representing 0.1% of eligible electors.

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DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Ashley, Bashley & Fernhill
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BELLAMY Chloe Deborah	Labour Party	308
BLUNDEN Geoffrey Robert commonly known as BLUNDEN Geoff	Conservative Party Candidate	981 Elected
CLEARY Jill Lauran	Conservative Party Candidate	972 Elected
MORGAN Simon Antony Crawford	Liberal Democrats	337
MOXEY Paul Pitt	Green Party	271
PEMBERTON John Leyland	Green Party	149
ROBERTS Katherine Lucy commonly known as ROBERTS Kate	Labour Party	244
SCOTT-JOHNS Beverley Michael commonly known as SCOTT-JOHNS Michael	Liberal Democrats	438

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	15
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	0
E rejected in part	0
Total	15

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6422

Ballot Papers Issued: 1966

Turnout: 31%

And I do hereby declare that, Geoffrey Robert Blunden, Jill Lauran Cleary are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Ashurst, Bramshaw, Copythorne & Netley Marsh
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
FREND Muriel Jean	Labour Party	350
HARTLEY-BINNS James Edward	Local Conservatives	740
MAWBY Timothy Michael commonly known as MAWBY Tim	Labour Party	272
REILLY Joseph commonly known as REILLY Joe	Independent	966 Elected
THOMPSON Benjamin Rex commonly known as THOMPSON Ben	Liberal Democrats	540
TIPP Derek Brian	Local Conservatives	1027 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	5
E rejected in part	0
Total	5

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6102

Ballot Papers Issued: 2202

Turnout: 36%

And I do hereby declare that, Joseph Reilly, Derek Brian Tipp are duly elected.

Dated Saturday 6 May 2023

Kate Ryan
Returning Officer

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Ballard
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BAKER Charles Fielding	Liberal Democrats	137
HAMILTON Emily	Green Party	94
LAMBERT Nicholas commonly known as LAMBERT Nick	Britain First - British People First	108
TUNGATE Donald Neil commonly known as TUNGATE Neil	The Conservative Party Candidate	348 Elected
WALLIS-DOWLING Helen	Labour Party	167

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	12
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	0
E rejected in part	0
Total	12

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 3122

Ballot Papers Issued: 866

Turnout: 28%

And I do hereby declare that, Donald Neil Tungate is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Barton & Becton
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BOURDILLON Kristina Margareta	Green Party	310
CRAZE Keith Edward	Conservative Party Candidate	1147 Elected
LEWIS Susan	Liberal Democrats	421
MACASKILL Day Neil Andrew	Green Party	216
O`SULLIVAN Alan Dennis	Conservative Party Candidate	1087 Elected
PREIS Rainer	Liberal Democrats	489
TERRY Peter Simon commonly known as TERRY Pete	Labour Party	200

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	13
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	15
E rejected in part	0
Total	28

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5965

Ballot Papers Issued: 2067

Turnout: 35%

And I do hereby declare that, Keith Edward Craze, Alan Dennis O`Sullivan are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Brangore, Burley, Sopley & Ringwood East
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ADAMS John Huw	Conservative Party Candidate	649
COLLAR Anna Caroline Folly	Green Party	581
FLACK Kevin Roger	Labour Party	130
HAYWOOD Philippa Mary commonly known as HAYWOOD Pippa	Labour Party	179
LINFORD Nigel Victor	Independent	805 Elected
MILLINGTON Neil	Green Party	725 Elected
SAMBER Dean Edward John	Conservative Party Candidate	514

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	4
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
E rejected in part	0
Total	7

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5491

Ballot Papers Issued: 1930

Turnout: 35%

And I do hereby declare that, Nigel Victor Linford, Neil Millington are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Brockenhurst & Denny Lodge
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
HARRIS Michael Ross	Local Conservatives	528
HORNE Jonathan Russell commonly known as HORNE Jon	Labour Party	118
PARKER Adam William	Green Party	671 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	9

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 3027

Ballot Papers Issued: 1326

Turnout: 44%

And I do hereby declare that, Adam William Parker is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Dibden & Dibden Purlieu
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
HERON Emily Jane	Local Conservatives	506
OSBORNE Stephanie	Liberal Democrats	874 Elected
SMITH Leigh Joanne	Labour Party	170
TWYDELL David Patrick	Local Conservatives	455
WADE Malcolm Spencer	Liberal Democrats	1025 Elected
WILKINSON Brian	Labour Party	137

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	8

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5266

Ballot Papers Issued: 1728

Turnout: 33%

And I do hereby declare that, Stephanie Osborne, Malcolm Spencer Wade are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Downlands & Forest North
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BELLOWS Ann commonly known as BELLOWS Annie	The Conservative Party Candidate	496
PHILLIPS Martin	Labour Party	90
RICHARDS Janet Elizabeth	The Green Party	562 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	8

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 2814

Ballot Papers Issued: 1156

Turnout: 41%

And I do hereby declare that, Janet Elizabeth Richards is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Fawley, Blackfield, Calshot & Langley
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ALVEY Alan Rutherford	Local Conservatives	747 Elected
GARSIDE Michael Derek	Labour Party	206
GILLAM Patricia	Labour Party	214
HARTMANN Matthew James	Local Conservatives	693 Elected
PEARSON Angela Louise	Liberal Democrats	499
ROSE Jeni Marie	Liberal Democrats	451

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	7
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	14
E rejected in part	0
Total	21

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5427

Ballot Papers Issued: 1507

Turnout: 28%

And I do hereby declare that, Alan Rutherford Alvey, Matthew James Hartmann are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Fordingbridge, Godshill & Hyde
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BESSEY Jasmine Philippa	Labour Party	215
CAMERON Leila	Labour Party	270
HERON Robert Thomas	Conservative Party Candidate	673
MILLAR David Jonathan	Liberal Democrats	1118 Elected
SEVIER Ann	Conservative Party Candidate	725
WOODS Philip Whitfield commonly known as WOODS Phil	Liberal Democrats	1085 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	15
E rejected in part	0
Total	15

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6120

Ballot Papers Issued: 2137

Turnout: 35%

And I do hereby declare that, David Jonathan Millar, Philip Whitfield Woods are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Forest & Solent
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
GALLAGHER James	Green Party	380
POOLE Daniel Michael Shoard commonly known as POOLE Dan	Local Conservatives	554 Elected
SLATTERY Vincent Robert	Labour Party	166

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
E rejected in part	0
Total	4

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 2987

Ballot Papers Issued: 1104

Turnout: 37%

And I do hereby declare that, Daniel Michael Shoard Poole is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Hardley, Holbury & North Blackfield
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ARMSTRONG Peter James	Independent	393 Elected
COLE David John	Liberal Democrats	177
GLASS Allan Thomas	The Conservative Party Candidate	463 Elected
JOHNSTONE Sherri	Labour Party	238
POOLE Josephine Ingrid commonly known as POOLE Josie	Local Conservatives	375
READ Sally Jane	Liberal Democrats	236
ROBERTS Ceri John	Labour Party	221
SAUNDERS Paul Douglas	Independent	253

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	12
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	20

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5296

Ballot Papers Issued: 1312

Turnout: 25%

And I do hereby declare that, Peter James Armstrong, Allan Thomas Glass are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Hythe Central
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
CARIC Ivan	Labour Party	147
DOWD Philip David	Liberal Democrats	970 Elected
HARRISON Christopher John commonly known as HARRISON Chris	Local Conservatives	741
MARWOOD Teresa Mary Rose commonly known as MARWOOD Terri	Local Conservatives	685
SAFFIN Scott Liam Conner	Labour Party	128
WADE Alexander Spencer commonly known as WADE Alex	Liberal Democrats	1112 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	5
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	5
E rejected in part	0
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5359

Ballot Papers Issued: 1991

Turnout: 37%

And I do hereby declare that, Philip David Dowd, Alexander Spencer Wade are duly elected.

Dated Saturday 6 May 2023

Kate Ryan
Returning Officer

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Hythe South
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
CLARK Mark William	Liberal Democrats	736 Elected
CULLEN Sean Daniel	Liberal Democrats	704 Elected
DAVEY Eric George	Local Conservatives	364
DAVISON Clare Frances	Labour Party	186
HERBERT Katherine Anne	Labour Party	171
SPEARING Brenda Christine	Local Conservatives	346

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	10
E rejected in part	0
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5426

Ballot Papers Issued: 1345

Turnout: 25%

And I do hereby declare that, Mark William Clark, Sean Daniel Cullen are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Lymington
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
DUNNING Barry Frank	Conservative Party Candidate	962 Elected
ENGLAND Jacqueline Annette commonly known as ENGLAND Jacqui	Independent	880 Elected
HART Catriona Helen commonly known as HART Trina	Labour Party	348
JEARRAD Edward commonly known as JEARRAD Ted	Liberal Democrats	528
PHILLIPS Hannah	Liberal Democrats	586
SMITH Simon James Eric	Conservative Party Candidate	723
WEBER Jeremy John commonly known as WEBER Jerry	Labour Party	250

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	25
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	7
E rejected in part	0
Total	32

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6422

Ballot Papers Issued: 2346

Turnout: 37%

And I do hereby declare that, Barry Frank Dunning, Jacqueline Annette England are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Lyndhurst & Minstead
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BRAND Hilary Claire	Liberal Democrats	577 Elected
STRATFORD Brice	Local Conservatives	475
WILLSHER Christopher Arthur	Labour Party	130

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	0
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	10
E rejected in part	0
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 3004

Ballot Papers Issued: 1192

Turnout: 40%

And I do hereby declare that, Hilary Claire Brand is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Marchwood & Eling
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BENNISON Susan Margaret commonly known as BENNISON Sue	Local Conservatives	694
KERSHAW Kenneth John	Labour Party	197
MBALLA Patrick Armand	Liberal Democrats	776 Elected
MORAN David John commonly known as MORAN Dave	Labour Party	194
SHELLEY Lindsey Sheuna	Liberal Democrats	685
YOUNG Richard Mark	Local Conservatives	938 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	2
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6061

Ballot Papers Issued: 1852

Turnout: 31%

And I do hereby declare that, Patrick Armand Mballa, Richard Mark Young are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Milford & Hordle
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BODDINGTON Dominic James	Green Party	827
DELEMARE Sandra Vera	Liberal Democrats	705
HAWKINS David Edmund	Conservative Party Candidate	1418 Elected
JAGGER Emily	Liberal Democrats	936
NUNDY Stuart James	Labour Party	335
REID Richard Alvin commonly known as REID Alvin	Conservative Party Candidate	1317 Elected
SLOAN Helen Elizabeth	Labour Party	488
SPREADBURY Ivor Terence		1000
WARD Christine Vivienne	Conservative Party Candidate	1339 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	3
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	3
E rejected in part	0
Total	6

Vacant Seats: 3

Electorate: 8928

Ballot Papers Issued: 3256

Turnout: 36%

And I do hereby declare that, David Edmund Hawkins, Richard Alvin Reid, Christine Vivienne Ward are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Milton

on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ASHMAN Martin Christopher	Labour Party	295
CLARKE Stephen John commonly known as CLARKE Steve	Conservative Party Candidate	810 Elected
DAVIES Stephen Paul commonly known as DAVIES Steve	Conservative Party Candidate	822 Elected
DAVIES Wynford Bevan commonly known as DAVIES Wyn	Liberal Democrats	598
GRIMKE-DRAYTON Joanna Mary commonly known as DRAYTON Jo	Liberal Democrats	497

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:		Number of ballot papers
A	want of an official mark	0
B	voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	8
C	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	14
E	rejected in part	0
Total		22

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5624

Ballot Papers Issued: 1630

Turnout: 29%

And I do hereby declare that, Stephen John Clarke, Stephen Paul Davies are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Pennington
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BRIDGES Bronwen Hailey	Labour Party	283
BRINDLEY Thomas Henry commonly known as BRINDLEY Tom	Conservative Party Candidate	612
DAVIES Jack	Liberal Democrats	1007 Elected
LOVELESS Ian Mark	Conservative Party Candidate	541
MCCARTHY Colm Vincent	Liberal Democrats	785 Elected
SAWKINS Joanna Caroline	Labour Party	261

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	3
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	14
E rejected in part	0
Total	17

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6247

Ballot Papers Issued: 1864

Turnout: 30%

And I do hereby declare that, Jack Davies, Colm Vincent McCarthy are duly elected.

Dated Saturday 6 May 2023

Kate Ryan
Returning Officer

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Ringwood North & Ellingham
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BARRON Elizabeth Sarah Mary commonly known as BARRON Liz	Liberal Democrats	224
DADFORD Luke Andrew Thomas	Liberal Democrats	248
FENNER Jeremy	Green Party	253
HAYWOOD John Julian	Labour Party	754 Elected
KELLEHER Peter	Labour Party	746
SCOTT Derek Richard	Conservative Party Candidate	726
THIERRY Michael Hamilton	Conservative Party Candidate	788 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	4
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	15
E rejected in part	0
Total	19

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6148

Ballot Papers Issued: 1973

Turnout: 32%

And I do hereby declare that, John Julian Haywood, Michael Hamilton Thierry are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Ringwood South
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
ALLEN Jeremy Richard	Liberal Democrats	180
DAY Philip James	Independent	481
DEBOOS Gareth Andrew	Independent	464
HERON Jeremy David	Conservative Party Candidate	534 Elected
MCDONALD Cameron	Liberal Democrats	144
RIPPON-SWAINE William Stephen commonly known as RIPPON-SWAINE Stephen	Conservative Party Candidate	517 Elected
ROWE Timothy Albert	Green Party	187
SWYER James Nigel	Labour Party	487
TURNER Linda Glenys commonly known as TURNER Glenys	Labour Party	482

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	11
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	7
E rejected in part	0
Total	18

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5959

Ballot Papers Issued: 1837

Turnout: 31%

And I do hereby declare that, Jeremy David Heron, William Stephen Rippon-Swaine are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of a District Councillor for

Sway
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
DANCE Peter Francis John	Labour Party	108
KING Simon Graham	Green Party	487
RICKMAN Barry	Local Conservatives	737 Elected

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	1
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	1
E rejected in part	0
Total	2

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 2883

Ballot Papers Issued: 1334

Turnout: 46%

And I do hereby declare that, Barry Rickman is duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Totton Central
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
COOMBES Ian Charles	Independent	243
JOHNSTONE Adrian Joseph	Labour Party	330
KANGARANI Mahmoud commonly known as KANGARANI Matt	Liberal Democrats	555
MURRAY Ian Alec	Local Conservatives	596 Elected
ORCHARD Frances May	Independent	180
SHEPHERD Stephen Anthony	Liberal Democrats	568
SLEEP John Hugh	Local Conservatives	647 Elected
SMITH David Edward	Labour Party	287

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	4
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	8
E rejected in part	0
Total	12

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 5653

Ballot Papers Issued: 1803

Turnout: 32%

And I do hereby declare that, Ian Alec Murray, John Hugh Sleep are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Totton North
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
BISHOP Roland Timothy Charles	Labour Party	333
BRUNSDON Alexander Luke commonly known as BRUNSDON Alex	Liberal Democrats	501
CRISELL Kathleen Veronica	Local Conservatives	774 Elected
FRANCIS Linda Patricia commonly known as FRANCIS Lin	Liberal Democrats	505
GARRICK Kenneth James	Labour Party	322
GARRICK Lynne Elizabeth	Labour Party	340
HARDINGSON Steve Alan	Liberal Democrats	457
LAGDON Christopher commonly known as LAGDON Chris	Independent	217
PENMAN Neville Stuart	Local Conservatives	1054 Elected
PENNY David Maurice commonly known as PENNY Dave	Local Conservatives	814 Elected
SCRIVENS Ronald Frederick commonly known as SCRIVENS Ron	Independent	229

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	5
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	7
E rejected in part	0
Total	12

Vacant Seats: 3

Electorate: 8484

Ballot Papers Issued: 2104

Turnout: 25%

And I do hereby declare that, Kathleen Veronica Crisell, Neville Stuart Penman, David Maurice Penny are duly elected.

DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

New Forest

Election of District Councillors for

Totton South
on Thursday 4 May 2023

I, Kate Ryan, being the Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
CARTER Lisa Tracy	Local Conservatives	607
GOODFELLOW Alan George William	Labour Party	191
HARRIS Leonard Ernest commonly known as HARRIS Len	Local Conservatives	506
HARRISON David	Liberal Democrats	904 Elected
RACKHAM Caroline Louise	Liberal Democrats	695 Elected
ROGERS Christopher Timothy commonly known as ROGERS Kit	Labour Party	157

* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	11
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	10
E rejected in part	0
Total	21

Vacant Seats: 2

Electorate: 6096

Ballot Papers Issued: 1670

Turnout: 27%

And I do hereby declare that, David Harrison, Caroline Louise Rackham are duly elected.

ANNUAL COUNCIL – 22 MAY 2023

ALLOCATION OF SEATS AND APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS

1. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 1.1 That the allocation of seats to committees and panels in accordance with the principles set out in the report, be agreed as at the table at paragraph 4.4 of the report; and
- 1.2 That the Council appoints councillors to individual committees and panels, as identified in Appendix 1, for the four year period ending May 2027.

2. INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In accordance with Section 15 of the Local Government and Housing Act 1989, it is necessary to review the representation of political groups on committees, when the authority holds its Annual Meeting. For this purpose, “committees” includes the Council’s Overview and Scrutiny Panels but excludes the Cabinet.
- 2.2 There are four statutory principles of political balance which have to be applied in filling appointments to committees. These are contained in Section 15(5) of the Act.
- 2.3 The principles that have to be applied are as follows:-
 - (a) that not all seats on the body are allocated to the same political group;
 - (b) that the majority of the seats on the body are allocated to a particular political group if the number of persons belonging to that group are a majority of the Authority’s membership;
 - (c) subject to paragraphs (a) and (b) above, that the number of seats on the ordinary committees of a relevant Authority which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the total of all the seats on the ordinary committees of that Authority as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority; and
 - (d) subject to paragraphs (a) to (c) above, that the number of seats on the body which are allocated to each political group bears the same proportion to the same number of all seats on that body as is borne by the number of members of that group to the membership of the Authority.
- 2.4 Once the Council has determined the allocation of committee places between the political groups, the Council must then appoint the nominees of the political groups to the committees.
- 2.5 Those members who are not members of political groups have no legal entitlement to an allocation of seats on committees. However, once the political groups’ entitlement has been reached, the remaining seats may be filled by members not belonging to a political group. Such Members are classed as being non-aligned.
- 2.6 These provisions need not be applied if a different position is agreed without any member of the authority voting against.
- 2.7 It should be noted that, although the legislative position refers to “political” groups, this also includes the Independent Group. Although not affiliated with a political party, the Independent Group have formed a group in accordance with the legislation.

3. CURRENT POSITION

- 3.1 Following the quadrennial District Council elections on 4 May 2023, the political balance of the Council stands at:-

Conservative Group 26 (54.17%)

Liberal Democrat Group 14 (29.17%)

Independent Group 4 (8.33%)

Green Group 3 (6.25%)

Labour 1 (Non-aligned)

4. APPOINTMENTS TO COMMITTEES AND PANELS

- 4.1 Subject to the Council's resolution at its Annual Meeting, there will be 84 seats to which appointments should be made under the principles of proportionality.

- 4.2 The application of the percentages outlined at paragraph 3.1 provides for the following allocation of seats to political groups across the overall Council position:-

Conservative Group 46

Liberal Democrat Group 25

Independent Group 7

Green Group 5

Unallocated 1

- 4.3 Having regard to the overall position outlined at paragraph 4.2, the application of the percentages outlined at paragraph 3.1 requires the rounding up or down of calculated figures to give whole numbers on individual committees. The Council should, as far as practicable, ensure fairness on each committee and across the wider allocation in making these adjustments.

- 4.4 Therefore, having received notifications of preferences from the political groups in accordance with the proportionality principles, a recommended allocation of seats is outlined below, which will meet the proportionality requirements, aggregating all committee places and allocating fair shares:-

Committee/Panel	Seats	Cons	Lib Dems	Inds	Greens	Non-aligned
Appeals Committee	13	7	4	1	0	1
Audit Committee	9	5	2	1	1	-
General Purposes and Licensing Committee	13	7	4	1	1	-
HR Committee	9	5	3	1	0	-
Planning Committee	13	7	4	1	1	-
Housing and Communities O&S Panel	9	5	3	0	1	-
Place and Sustainability O&S Panel	9	5	2	1	1	-
Resources and Transformation O&S Panel	9	5	3	1	0	-
Total	84	46	25	7	5	1

- 4.5 The Council could also resolve to allocate a seat(s) to the non-aligned Members. The Council's Constitution makes provision for the allocation of seats to Members who are not members of a political group, as nearly as possible in proportion to the number of those members on the Council. There is one remaining seat that could be allocated to the non-aligned Member, outside of those that should be allocated to the political groups. As above, the non-aligned Member has been allocated a place on the Appeals Committee.
- 4.6 The nominees of the political groups to the committees and panels are attached at Appendix 1. The calculations are based on the committees as they stand as per the recommended Council resolution of 22 May 2023. It should be noted that if Members seek to make any amendments, this may affect the calculations.

5. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

6. CRIME & DISORDER IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no crime and disorder implications arising directly from this report.

7. ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 There are no environmental implications arising directly from this report.

8. EQUALITY & DIVERSITY IMPLICATIONS

- 8.1 There are no equality and diversity implications arising directly from the report.

Appendix 1 – Committee and Panel Memberships

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Local Government and Housing Act 1989

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COMMITTEE AND PANEL MEMBERSHIPS

APPEALS COMMITTEE (13 MEMBERS)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Independent (1)	Green (0)	Non-aligned (1)
Alan Alvey Keith Craze Barry Dunning Allan Glass John Sleep Neil Tungate Christine Ward	Mark Clark Philip Dowd Colm McCarthy Phil Woods	Joe Reilly		John Haywood

AUDIT COMMITTEE (9 MEMBERS)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (1)	Green (1)	Non-aligned (0)
Alan Alvey Keith Craze Matthew Hartmann Alan O'Sullivan Richard Young	Hilary Brand Jack Davies	Jacqui England	Neil Millington	

GENERAL PURPOSES AND LICENSING COMMITTEE (13 MEMBERS)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Independent (1)	Green (1)	Non-aligned (0)
Steve Clarke Allan Glass David Hawkins Dave Penny Alvin Reid Neil Tungate Richard Young	Jack Davies Philip Dowd David Harrison Colm McCarthy	Nigel Linford	Neil Millington	

HR COMMITTEE (9 MEMBERS)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Independent (1)	Green (0)	Non-aligned (0)
Jill Cleary Keith Craze Kate Crisell Steve Davies Jeremy Heron	Mark Clark Sean Cullen Colm McCarthy	Joe Reilly		

PLANNING COMMITTEE (13 MEMBERS)

Conservative (7)	Liberal Democrat (4)	Independent (1)	Green (1)	Non-aligned (0)
Kate Crisell Matthew Hartmann David Hawkins Dave Penny Barry Rickman John Sleep Christine Ward	Hilary Brand Philip Dowd Malcolm Wade Phil Woods	Joe Reilly	Janet Richards	

HOUSING AND COMMUNITIES OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (9 MEMBERS)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Independent (0)	Green (1)	Non-aligned (0)
Steve Clarke Kate Crisell Ian Murray Neville Penman Neil Tungate	Sean Cullen Patrick Mballa Caroline Rackham		Janet Richards	

PLACE AND SUSTAINABILITY OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (9 MEMBERS)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (2)	Independent (1)	Green (1)	Non-aligned (0)
Keith Craze Allan Glass Matthew Hartmann Alvin Reid Steve Rippon-Swaine	Stephanie Osborne Malcolm Wade	Peter Armstrong	Adam Parker	

RESOURCES AND TRANSFORMATION OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY PANEL (9 MEMBERS)

Conservative (5)	Liberal Democrat (3)	Independent (1)	Green (0)	Non-aligned (0)
Alan Alvey Barry Dunning Alan O'Sullivan Barry Rickman Christine Ward	Jack Davies David Millar Alex Wade	Jacqui England		