

**BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL'S MILFORD WARD –
5 APRIL 2018 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

1. An election to fill the vacancy for the Milford Ward of the District Council, caused by the death of the late Cllr Mrs Sophie Beeton, was held on Thursday 5 April 2018. Three candidates were validly nominated for the election.

2. The following votes were cast:

Wynford Bevan Davies (Liberal Democrats)	200
Christine Hopkins (Conservative Party Candidate)	1,057
Sally Anne Spicer (Labour Party)	126

Cllr Christine Hopkins has therefore been declared duly elected a Councillor for the Milford Ward of New Forest District Council.

3. The turnout was 32.2%.
4. Cllr Mrs Hopkins has given notice that she has joined the Conservative Group on the Council. The political representation on the Council (taking into account the recent death of Cllr Bob Wappet) remains at:

Conservative	56
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	1

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Background Papers:

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