

**BY-ELECTION FOR DISTRICT COUNCIL'S PENNINGTON WARD –
13 SEPTEMBER 2018 – REPORT OF THE RETURNING OFFICER**

1. An election to fill the vacancy in the Pennington Ward of the District Council, caused by the resignation of Cllr Penny Jackman was held on Thursday 13 September 2018. Four candidates were validly nominated for the election.

2. The following votes were cast:

Jack Davies (Liberal Democrats)	445
Andrew Gossage (Conservative)	497
Katriona Hart (Labour)	97
Edward Jearrad (Independent)	144

Cllr Andrew Gossage has therefore been declared duly elected a Councillor for the Pennington Ward of New Forest District Council.

3. The turnout was 24%.
4. Cllr Gossage has given notice that he has joined the Conservative Group on the Council. The political representation on the Council (taking into account the vacancy in the Totton Central Ward as a result of the death of Cllr Lucas) remains at:

Conservative	56
Liberal Democrat	2
Independent	<u>1</u>
	59

There is therefore no need to review the allocation of seats on Committees and Panels.

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Background Papers:

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