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| Board/Committee: | FULL COUNCIL |
| Date of meeting: | WEDNESDAY 15 MAY 2024 |
| Title: | REPORT ON THE BOROUGH COUNCIL ELECTIONS HELD ON THURSDAY 02 MAY 2024 |
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| Status: | FOR NOTING |

Purpose

This report sets out information and the results of the Borough of Gosport Elections held on Thursday 02 May 2024.

1.0 Background

- 1.1** The elections for members of the Borough Council in Gosport took place on Thursday 02 May 2024.
- 1.2** The Notice of Election for the 15 seats on the Borough Council was published on Thursday, 21 March 2024. The number of candidates validly nominated for the Borough Council Poll was 52.

2.0 The Polls

- 2.1** All 14 Electoral Wards were contested.
- 2.2** Polling took place at 43 polling stations across the Borough. The verification and the counting of votes were held at Gosport Leisure Centre following the close of poll.
- 2.3** Postal ballot papers were issued to 10,891 electors, with 7,026 postal papers being included in the count. 2.74% or 198 of the postal votes returned were rejected on opening because of incorrectly completed, or no, postal voting statements, signatures and dates of birth not matching, no ballot papers, or other irregularities. These were not included in the count.
- 2.4** 19,004 ballot papers were included in the count. 127 or 0.67%, were spoilt and were rejected.

3.0 Borough Council Election Results

3.1 The results for each Electoral Ward are shown below.

3.2 Alverstoke Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|-----------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| EARLE, Adele Louise | Liberal Democrat | 763 |
| EATON, Jonathan James | Labour Party Candidate | 217 |
| HUGGINS, Zoe | Local Conservatives | 1010 Elected |

3.3 Anglesey Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|--|-------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| HALL, Linda Jayne (Commonly known as HALL, Linda) | Labour Party Candidate | 154 |
| KIRKHAM, James Robert | Green Party Candidate | 113 |
| SCARD, Alan David | The Conservative and Unionist Party | 894 Elected |
| SHERMAN, Deborah Clare | Liberal Democrat | 335 |

3.4 Bridgemaury Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| JONES, Kathleen Margaret (Commonly known as JONES, Kath) | Local Conservatives | 450 |
| MAYNARD, Robert Eric (Commonly known as MAYNARD, Bob) | Liberal Democrat | 570 ELECTED |
| WILLIAMS, Margaret Elizabeth | Labour Party Candidate | 156 |

3.5 Brockhurst and Privett Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|--|------------------------|--------------------------|
| BEECH, Robbie George | Local Conservatives | 362 |
| BOLGER, Enrico Carlo (Commonly known as BOLGER Rick) | Labour Party Candidate | 155 |
| FINN, Thomas Michael | Liberal Democrat | 522 ELECTED |
| STAFFIERI, Jane | Green Party Candidate | 100 |

3.6 Elson Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|------------------------|---|--------------------------|
| CULLY, Jess Dylan | Labour and Co-operative Party | 137 |
| EARLE, Richard Philip | Liberal Democrat | 682 ELECTED |
| ENGLEFIELD, Lisa Grace | Heritage Party – Freedom.Family.Nation | 79 |
| KELLY, Kathryn Shelagh | Green Party Candidate | 60 |
| NEVILLE, Alan Michael | The Conservative and Unionist Party | 300 |
| CULLY, Jess Dylan | Labour and Co-operative Party | 137 |

3.7 Forton Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|---|---|--------------------------|
| BELLORD, Simon James | Local Conservatives | 240 |
| BERGIN, Patrick (Commonly known as BERGIN, Paddy) | Reform UK – Changing Politics for Good | 163 |
| BRYANT, Tynan James | Labour Party Candidate | 163 |
| CHEGWYN, Peter John | Liberal Democrat | 521 ELECTED |

3.8 Grange and Alver Valley Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| BROWN, Jonathan | Labour and Co-operative Party | 321 |
| FOSTER-REED, Clive | Liberal Democrat | 207 |
| JESSOP, Anthony John (Commonly known as JESSOP, Tony) | Local Conservatives | 332 ELECTED |

3.9 Harbourside and Town Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|---|-------------------------------|--------------------------|
| CRITCHLEY, Michael Andrew (Commonly known as CRITCHLEY, Mike) | Independent | 107 |
| DURRANT, Alan Edward James (Commonly known as DURRANT, Alan) | The Labour Party Candidate | 465 ELECTED |
| EWIN, Michael Alexander (Commonly Known as EWIN, Mike) | Liberal Democrat | 96 |
| HAWKINS, Kenneth John (Commonly known as HAWKINS, Ken) | Green Party Candidate | 43 |
| MEENAGHAN, Lesley Mary Doris (Commonly known as MEENAGHAN, Lesley) | Local Conservatives | 435 |

3.10 Hardway Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|---|------------------------|--------------------------|
| COX, Kirsty Anne | Liberal Democrat | 626 ELECTED |
| DAVIS, Simon George | Labour Party Candidate | 158 |
| FURLONG, Diane Hilda | Local Conservatives | 527 |
| SUDWORTH, Anthony John (Commonly known as SUDWORTH, Tony) | Green Party Candidate | 70 |

3.11 Lee East Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| BATTEN, Angela Jayne | Local Conservatives | 726 |
| BRADLEY, Kirsten | Liberal Democrat | 760 ELECTED |
| PERCIVAL, Christopher Keith (Commonly known as PERCIVAL, Chris) | Labour Party Candidate | 129 |

3.12 Lee West Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|--|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| CRUDDAS, Anne Marie | Labour Party Candidate | 367 |
| HAYES, Daniel Rhys (Commonly known as HAYES, Dan) | Local Conservatives | 1018 ELECTED |
| MAYNARD-SEAL, Elizabeth Mary (Commonly known as MAYNARD-SEAL, Lizzie) | Liberal Democrat | 381 |
| RICKETTS, Stevyn Christopher | Local Conservatives | 954 ELECTED |

3.13 Leesland and Newtown Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|----------------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------------|
| PERCIVAL, Hilary Ruth | Labour Party Candidate | 236 |
| PLESTED, Miles Clifford Fletcher | Green Party Candidate | 103 |
| ULUIVITI, Peceli | Local Conservatives | 403 |
| WESTERBY, Julie Karen | Liberal Democrat | 749 ELECTED |

3.14 Peel Common Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|-------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| MARSHALL, Stephen James | Liberal Democrat | 525 |
| NAMDEO, Supriya | Local Conservatives | 626 ELECTED |
| STRATTON, Daniel Frank | Labour Party Candidate | 142 |

3.15 Rowner and Holbrook Ward

| Name of Candidate | Description | Number of Votes Recorded |
|----------------------------|------------------------|--------------------------|
| JOHNSTON, Murray Alexander | Liberal Democrat | 490 ELECTED |
| PERCIVAL, Claire Ruth | Labour Party Candidate | 169 |
| WALKER, Gary David | Local Conservatives | 364 |

3.16 The overall percentage turnout for the Borough Council elections was 30.57%.

4.0 Length of term of office for elected Borough Councillors

4.1 Accordingly, the duly declared elected candidates who received the greatest number of votes will all serve until May 2028:

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| Alverstoke | Zoe Huggins |
| Anglesey | Alan David Scard |
| Bridgemaury | Robert Maynard |
| Brockhurst and Privett | Thomas Michael Finn |
| Elson | Richard Philip Earle |
| Forton | Peter John Chegwyn |
| Grange and Alver Valley | Anthony John Jessop |
| Harbourside and Town | Alan Edward James Durrant |
| Hardway | Kirsty Anne Cox |
| Lee East | Kirsten Bradley |
| Lee West | Daniel Rhys Hayes |
| Leesland and Newtown | Julie Karen Westerby |
| Peel Common | Supriya Namdeo |
| Rowner and Holbrook | Murray Alexander Johnston |

4.2 Accordingly, the duly declared elected candidate who received the second greatest number of votes in Lee West Ward will serve until May 2026:

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| Lee West | Stevyn Christopher Ricketts |
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| Financial Services comments: | None |
| Legal Services comments: | None |
| Equality and Diversity: | None |
| Climate Change implications: | None |
| Crime and Disorder: | None |
| Service Improvement Plan implications: | None |
| Corporate Plan: | None |
| Risk Assessment: | None |
| Background Papers: | None |
| Appendices: | None |
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