**Moray Council**

**COUNCIL BY-ELECTION - THURSDAY 7 NOVEMBER 2024**

**ELGIN CITY SOUTH WARD**

**Declaration of Results**

I declare the result of the Moray Council by-election in the Elgin City South ward is as follows:
There is one Councillor to be elected.

The percentage poll was 25.8%.
There were 2669 valid papers and 33 rejected ballot papers.
The quota of votes for a candidate to be elected was 1319.

The number of first preference votes for each of the candidates was:

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| **Name of Candidate** | **Description** | **Number of first preference votes** |
| Neil ALEXANDER | Scottish Liberal Democrats | 466 |
| Elaine KIRBY | Scottish Conservative and Unionist | 834 |
| Catriona MCBAIN | Scottish Labour | 487 |
| Laura MITCHELL | Scottish National Party (SNP) | 849 |
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## The following ballot papers were rejected as void and not counted on account of:-

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| **Rejected ballot papers** | **Number** |
| Want of Official Mark | 28 |
| On which a number standing alone is not placed so as to indicate a first preference for some candidate | 0 |
| On which the figure “1” standing alone indicating a 1st preference is set opposite the name of more than 1 candidate | 3 |
| Writing or mark by which voter could be identified  | 0 |
| Unmarked or void for uncertainty | 2 |
| **Total Number Rejected** | 33 |

After application of the election rules, I declare that the following candidate has been elected as Councillor for the Elgin City South Ward of the Moray Council.

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| **Name of Candidate** | **Description** | **Stage at which candidate was elected** |
| **Elaine Kirby** | **Scottish Conservative & Unionist** | Stage 3 |

Denise Whitworth, Returning Officer,

8 November 2024