

HUNTINGDONSHIRE DISTRICT COUNCIL

Title/Subject Matter: Local Elections – 22nd May 2014

Meeting/Date: Council – 4th June 2014

Executive Portfolio: Strategic Economic Development & Legal –
Councillor Tom Sanderson

Report by: The Returning Officer

Wards affected: All listed in the Appendix

Executive Summary:

This report details the results of scheduled elections in 17 wards of the District held on 22nd May 2014.

Recommendation:

It is recommended that the Council note the contents of the report.

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1. WHAT IS THIS REPORT ABOUT?

- 1.1 In accordance with the District of Huntingdonshire (Electoral Changes) Order 2002, elections in 17 wards of the District were held on 22nd May 2014. The elections were combined with the European Parliamentary elections and the results are summarised in Appendix. There were contests in all wards.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 In total 65 candidates contested the 17 seats on the District Council. In addition, 144 candidates were nominated for seats on Town/Parish Councils. Ordinary elections were held in 20 Parishes in the District and there were contests in three. There was a contested election also for a casual vacancy in the South Ward of St Ives Town Council. In 6 Parishes the number of nominations equalled the number of vacancies. In 10 Parishes the number of nominations fell short of the number of vacancies and those Parish Councils now will be invited to co-opt to fill the remaining vacancies.

3. ELECTION PROCESS

- 3.1 A major impact in this year's elections was the increased number of postal vote applications. This year a total of 15,549 were issued and was managed extremely well. Around 70% of postal votes overall were returned with Buckden Ward recording the highest return at 81%.
- 3.2 On polling day 112 polling stations were in use between 7am and 10pm. The verification of the ballot boxes and counting of the District votes and Town/Parish votes was held on Friday, 23rd May 2014 at One Leisure, St Ives. The last declaration was made at 2.45pm.

4. ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

- 4.1 I would like to take this opportunity to express my gratitude to the staff who were engaged in taking the poll and/or counting the votes on 22nd, 23rd and the European Parliamentary election count on 25th May 2014. My sincere thanks are due to all concerned.

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 None

6. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDED DECISIONS

- 6.1 The Council are recommended to note the contents of the report.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

Declarations of results of poll

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DISTRICT COUNCIL ELECTIONS – 22ND MAY 2014

COUNCILLORS ELECTED TO SERVE UNTIL 2018

Ward	Councillor Elected	Electorate	No. of Ballot Papers Issued	% of Poll
Alconbury & The Stukeleys	Keith Morton Baker	2526	1174	46
Buckden	Terence Frederick Hayward	2644	1153	44
Earith	Michael David Francis	4819	2001	42
Elton and Folksworth	Rita Elaine Mathews	2134	937	44
Godmanchester	Sarah Joanne Conboy	5057	1974	39
Gransden and the Offords	Richard John West	3672	1587	43
Huntingdon East	Andrew John Hardy	7281	2733	38
Huntingdon West	Stephen Cawley	5287	1621	31
Ramsey	Peter David Reeve	6684	2462	37
Sawtry	Darren Marcus Tysoe	5045	1945	39
St. Ives East	Deborah Christine Reynolds	5174	1601	31
St. Ives South	Angela Lesley Dickinson	5411	2059	38
St. Neots Eynesbury	Steven Mark Van De Kerkhove	7670	2281	30
St. Neots Priory Park	Barry Stephen Chapman	6735	2171	32
The Hemingfords	Douglas Bernard Dew	5132	2249	44
Warboys and Bury	Peter Leonard Ernest Bucknell	4929	1760	36
Yaxley and Farcet	John Barry Hyland	8411	2380	28