

Report to: Annual Council

Date: 21 May 2019

Title: Borough Council Elections held on 2 May 2019

Report of: Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Ward(s): All

Purpose of report: To inform the Council of the results of the elections held on 2 May 2019 and related information.

Officer recommendation(s): To note the report.

Reasons for recommendations: To advise the Council of recent electorate results.

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report deals with the Eastbourne Borough Council elections held on Thursday 2 May 2019. Details of the results and of the candidates elected are given together with other related information.
- 1.2 These elections were for all 27 of the council seats in the borough's 9 wards.
- 1.3 A total of 88 candidates stood for election to the borough council representing 6 political parties (Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Social Democrats and UKIP). Only the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives fielded candidates in respect of all 27 vacancies. In addition, there was 1 independent candidate in St. Anthony's ward.

2 Results

- 2.1 A copy of the full election results for the 9 Eastbourne wards is attached at **Appendix 1.**

2.2 The candidates elected to the borough council and their terms of office are as follows:

Ward:	Full name of Councillor:
Devonshire	Margaret Elizabeth BANNISTER , Steve HOLT , Steven Michael WALLIS
Hampden Park	James Robert MURRAY , Dean Qaissi SABRI , Colin Richard SWANSBOROUGH
Langney	Harun MIAH , Alan SHUTTLEWORTH , Candy VAUGHAN
Meads	Jane Elizabeth LAMB , Robert Christopher SMART , Barry Edward TAYLOR
Old Town	Peter Robert DIPLOCK , Jonathan Michael DOW , Amanda Jennifer MORRIS
Ratton	Colin Sidney BELSEY , Tony Graham FREEBODY , Colin MURDOCH
St Anthony's	Helen Christina BURTON , David Owen TUTT , Rebecca Jane WHIPPY
Sovereign	Caroline Julie Porte ANSELL , Penny DI CARA , Paul Stewart METCALFE
Upperton	Sammy CHOUDHURY , Robin Hugh MAXTED , Pat RODOHAN

3 Electoral turnout figures

3.1 The overall electorate was 75,856 and the overall voting total was 27,358 giving an overall turnout of 36.07%. Turnout by ward is shown in the appendix to this report. The overall total of rejected votes was 371.

4 Absent voting

4.1 Within the overall totals, 14,706 postal votes were issued. A total of 9,515 postal votes were returned giving a postal vote turnout of 64.7%.

4.2 Numbers of postal votes returns by ward were as follows:

Devonshire	852
Hampden Park	724
Langney	815
Meads	1335
Old Town	1004
Ratton	1256
St Anthony's	1063
Sovereign	1277

Upperton	1149
Total:	9515

4.3 A total of 82 proxy votes were granted.

5 Polling stations and counting arrangements

5.1 34 polling stations were opened between the hours of 7.00 am and 10.00 pm on the 2 May.

5.2 The borough count commenced at 10am on Friday 3 May in the Assembly Hall at the Town Hall and was concluded at 4.15pm. 72 counting staff plus supervising staff were employed.

6 Joint purchasing arrangements

6.1 Eastbourne Electoral Services has joined with their counterparts in the other East Sussex district councils to jointly procure their election printing and stationery requirements in order to achieve economies of scale and improved discounts. As part of this collaborative work, a single county-wide contract was let for the printing of ballot papers, poll cards and postal votes.

7 De-briefing

7.1 As is now the usual practice, party election agents will be invited to a de-brief meeting with the objective of improving upon the arrangements for future years. This will take place in June.

8 Conclusion

8.1 I would like to record my thanks to everyone who contributed to the election. As election day itself went smoothly it could be easy to underestimate the amount of work that went into making it a success and noting the many months of planning, helping people to register and dealing with thousands of postal votes leading up to the big day. I am grateful to everyone who worked long hours with such enthusiasm and professionalism.

Robert Cottrill
Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Full Election Results

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS HELD THURSDAY 2 MAY 2019

Devonshire Ward	Electorate:	9,688	%Turnout:	29.81
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Margaret Elizabeth BANNISTER	Liberal Democrats	E	1637
Vivienne DEHAVILLAND-GERAGHTY	Conservative Party		455
Daniel Richard EVANS	Conservative Party		433
Steve HOLT	Liberal Democrats	E	1521
Helen OWEN	Labour Party		541
Danielle Emma PERRY	Conservative Party		426
Geri ROLFE	Labour Party		423
Louis THORBURN	Labour Party		450
Steven Michael WALLIS	Liberal Democrats	E	1472
Linda Jane WINTLE	Green Party		425

Hampden Park Ward	Electorate:	7,791	%Turnout:	29.30
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Mark Ian AUKETT	Conservative Party		490
Graham Arthur DEAN	Labour Party		443
Wendy Elizabeth LAMBERT	Labour Party		448
Brian Leslie LIDDIARD	Conservative Party		450
Peter LUTTERER	Conservative Party		373
James Robert MURRAY	Liberal Democrats	E	1315
Margaret Elizabeth ROBINSON	Labour Party		389
Dean Qaissi SABRI	Liberal Democrats	E	1133
Colin Richard SWANSBOROUGH	Liberal Democrats	E	1250

Langney Ward	Electorate:	7,887	%Turnout:	30.21
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Lee COMFORT	Labour Party		225
Sandra Margaret ELKIN	Conservative Party		363
Ian Charles GARBUTT	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		344
Julie Norah Selina HART	Labour Party		212
Antony James HATTON	Conservative Party		352
Sandy HOWLETT	Conservative Party		342
Michael John MASON	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		317

Harun MIAH	Liberal Democrats	E	1333
Roy William NOBLE	Labour Party		165
Alan SHUTTLEWORTH	Liberal Democrats	E	1607
Candy VAUGHAN	Liberal Democrats	E	1333

Meads Ward	<i>Electorate:</i>	8,530	<i>%Turnout:</i>	44.44
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Peter Alistair DURRANT	Liberal Democrats		1162
Dorothy Hilda FORSYTH	Green Party		795
Christopher HOLLOWAY	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		418
Jane Elizabeth LAMB	Conservative Party	E	1671
Ruth Tegwen LINTOTT	Liberal Democrats		1118
Janee SA	Labour Party		467
Debra June SABRI	Liberal Democrats		1002
Robert Christopher SMART	Conservative Party	E	1702
Barry Edward TAYLOR	The Conservative Party Candidate	E	1687

Old Town Ward	<i>Electorate:</i>	8,297	<i>%Turnout:</i>	45.53
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Nicholas John Raymond ANSELL	Conservative Party		1022
Robert Peter DIPLOCK	Liberal Democrats	E	1910
Jonathan Michael DOW	Liberal Democrats	E	1962
Robert Alexander FINDON	Conservative Party		865
Rue FRANKLIN	Labour Party		331
Jo HENDERSON	Green Party		757
Mozmil HUSSAIN	Conservative Party		816
Sally KITCHEN	Social Democratic Party		199
Jake Ethan LAMBERT	Labour Party		597
Amanda Jennifer Morris	Liberal Democrats	E	1566
Sarah Elizabeth RICHARDS	Labour Party		349

Radton Ward	<i>Electorate:</i>	7,517	<i>%Turnout:</i>	40.42
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Colin Sidney BELSEY	Conservative Party	E	1516
David Julian BISHOP	Labour Party		270
Tony Graham FREEBODY	The Conservative Party Candidate	E	1373
John Nicholas LAMBERT	Labour Party		283
Rebecca Jane MADELL	Liberal Democrats		1167
Colin MURDOCH	The Conservative Party Candidate	E	1356
Hugh Wayne PARKER	Liberal Democrats		1023
Ghaemmaghani Blash RASSEKH	Liberal Democrats		983
Jill Margaret SHACKLOCK	Labour Party		303

St Anthony's Ward	<i>Electorate:</i>	8,509	<i>%Turnout:</i>	33.26
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Anne Frances ANGEL	Conservative Party		547
Dave BRINSON	Labour Party		275
Helen Christina BURTON	Liberal Democrats	E	1257
Donald CORNWALL	Conservative Party		489
Richard Thomas DAVIS	Conservative Party		484
Stephen Roy HALBHUBER	Independent		299
Colin Andrew HORSCROFT	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		316
Phil MILLS	Labour Party		217
Rachael Dawn NORRIS	Labour Party		292
David Owen TUTT	Liberal Democrats	E	1604
Rebecca Jane WHIPPY	Liberal Democrats	E	1469

Sovereign Ward	<i>Electorate:</i>	9,363	<i>%Turnout:</i>	33.37
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Caroline Julie Porte ANSELL	Conservative Party	E	1749
Sam Alfie BROWNE	Liberal Democrats		1035
Ian Derek CULSHAW	Labour Party		284
Penelope Rose DI CARA	Conservative Party	E	1551
David Gareth EDWARDS	Liberal Democrats		982
Paul Stewart METCALFE	Conservative Party	E	1613
Farol PERNET	Labour Party		241
James PRIME	Liberal Democrats		928

Upperton Ward	Electorate:	8,274	%Turnout:	39.20
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<i>Candidate:</i>	<i>Party:</i>	<i>E if elected</i>	<i>Votes</i>
Sammy CHOUDHURY	Liberal Democrats	E	1701
Daryl Anthony GOSLING	Conservative Party		741
Nicholas Martin HENDERSON	Conservative Party		775
Alexandra HOUGH	Green Party		660
Tom LIDDIARD	Conservative Party		755
Robin Hugh MAXTED	Liberal Democrats	E	1496
Gill POOLE	Labour Party		398
Paul Adrian RICHARDS	Labour Party		306
Pat RODOHAN	Liberal Democrats	E	1638
Amanda Jane SHEEHAN	UK Independence Party (UKIP)		320