

Report to: Annual Council

Date: 22 May 2023

Title: District Council Elections held on 4 May 2023

Report of: Deputy Chief Executive and Returning Officer

Ward(s): All

Purpose of report: To inform the Council of the results of the elections held on 4 May 2023 and related information.

Officer recommendation(s): (1) To note the report

Reasons for recommendations: To advise the Council of recent election results

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1 Introduction

- 1.1 This report deals with the Lewes District Council elections held on Thursday 4 May 2023. Details of the results and of the candidates elected are given together with other related information.
- 1.2 These elections were for all 41 of the council seats in the district's 21 wards.
- 1.3 A total of 143 candidates stood for election to the district council representing 5 political parties (Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Reform UK), together with a number of independent candidates

2 Results

- 2.1 A copy of the full election results for the 21 Lewes District wards is attached at **Appendix 1.**

2.2

The candidates elected to the district council are as follows:

Ward:	Full name of Councillor:
Chailey Barcombe and Hamsey	Joa SAUNDERS , Mark SLATER
Ditchling and Westmeston	Paul Anthony David MELLOR
East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs	Ian Keith ALEXANDER , Laurence Julian O'CONNOR , Christine Sandra ROBINSON
KINGSTON	Stella SPITERI
Lewes Bridge	Zoe NICHOLSON , Janet BAAH
Lewes Castle	Wendy MAPLES , Nick KORTALLA-BIRD
Lewes Priory	Imogen MAKEPEACE , Graham CLEWS , Paul KEENE
Newhaven North	Julie Lyn CARR , Sean Andrew MACLEOD
Newhaven South	Graham Roger AMY , James Neville MACCLEARY , Christoph David VON KURTHY
Newick	Charlotte KENNAN
Ouse Valley and Ringmer	Lucy AGACE , Johnny DENIS , Emily O'BRIEN
Peacehaven East	Paul Thomas DAVIES , Cathy GALLAGHER
Peacehaven North	Ciarron Joss CLARKSON , Isobel Louise SHARKEY
Peacehaven West	Chris COLLIER , Nikki FABRY
Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (without)	Daniel James Banfield STEWART-ROBERTS
Seaford Central	Stephen GAUNTLETT , Freddie HOAREAU
Seaford East	Ezra COHEN , Becky FRANCOMB
Seaford North	Roy CLAY , James MEEK
Seaford South	Christine Anne BRETT , Olivia HONEYMAN
Seaford West	Lesley BONIFACE , Christina Kathleen BRISTOW

Wivelsfield	William COUPLAND
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3 Electoral turnout figures

3.1 The overall electorate 77,351 and the overall voting total was 31,610 giving and overall turnout of 40.9%. Turnout by ward is shown in the appendix to this report. The overall total of rejected votes was 200.

4 Absent voting

4.1 Within the overall totals, 15,036 postal votes were issued. A total of 10,387 postal votes were returned giving a postal vote turnout of 69.08%

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

Ward	No Postal Votes Accepted
Chailey, Barcombe and Hamsey	456
Ditchling and Westmeston	396
East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs	767
Kingston	228
Lewes Bridge	468
Lewes Castle	335
Lewes Priory	785
Newick	227
Newhaven North	394
Newhaven South	538
Ouse Valley and Ringmer	685
Peacehaven East	486
Peacehaven North	476
Peacehaven West	525
Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (w/o)	226
Seaford Central	543
Seaford East	661
Seaford North	536
Seaford South	576
Seaford West	755
Wivelsfield	324

4.3 A total of 162 proxy votes were granted and 5 Emergency Proxy applications.

5 Polling Stations and counting arrangements

5.1 58 polling stations were opened between the hours of 7.00 am and 10.00pm on the 4 May 2023

- 5.2 Following the national change in legislation, for the first time voters were required to show an approved form of photo ID before being given their ballot paper.
Across the 58 polling stations 55 electors could not initially be issued their ballot paper due to not having valid ID, of those 32 voters then returned later with valid ID and cast their vote.
- 5.3 The district count commenced at 9am on Friday 5 May in both the Corn Exchange and the Assembly rooms at the Lewes Town Hall and was concluded at 4:30 pm

6 Conclusion

- 6.1 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, promoting the introduction of voter identification assisting people to apply for a voter authority certificate when they had no other form of ID, and dealing with thousands of postal votes leading up to the day. I am grateful to everyone who worked long hours with such enthusiasm and professionalism.

7 Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Full Election Results

RESULTS OF ELECTIONS HELD THURSDAY 4 MAY 2023

Chailey, Barcombe and Hamsey Ward

Electorate: 4103

Turnout 46.4%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Sharon Barbara Davy , The Conservative Party Candidate	686
Marion Joyce Hughes , Liberal Democrat	247
Isabelle Margaret Linington , The Conservative Party Candidate	640
Joanne Saunders , (Known as Joa Saunders), Green Party	990 (E)
Mark Slater , Green Party	914 (E)
Peter Edward Spain , Liberal Democrat	212

Ditchling and Westmeston Ward

Electorate:1908

Turnout 55.6%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Edward Elford , Green Party	365
Alan Tom Jones , The Conservative Party Candidate	356
Paul Anthony David Mellor , Liberal Democrat	377 (E)

East Saltdean and Telscombe Cliffs Ward

Electorate:5592

Turnout 34.5%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Simon Marriott Ackroyd , Liberal Democrat	328
Ian Keith Alexander , Labour Party	1087 (E)
Nicola Blackwell , (Known as Nicky Blackwell), Green Party	151
Paul Alexander Clark , The Conservative Party Candidate	538
Elizabeth Wallace Lee , (Known as Liz Lee), Liberal Democrat	180
Donna Simone Martinez-Claras , Liberal Democrat	132

Laurence Julian O'Connor , Labour Party	1089 (E)
Christine Sandra Robinson , Labour Party	1132 (E)
Nicholas Tigg , (Known as Nick Tigg), Green Party	112
Diana Wilkins , Green Party	106

Kingston Ward

Electorate:1568

Turnout 58.3%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
David Hoare , Green Party	326
Rosemarie Jeffery , The Conservative Party Candidate	150
Stella Spiteri , Liberal Democrat	431 (E)

Lewes Bridge Ward

Electorate:3797

Turnout 50.2%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Janet Baah , Liberal Democrat	812 (E)
Colin Graham French , The Conservative Party Candidate	168
Jeremy William Halley , Liberal Democrat	491
Matthew Dennis Kent , (Known as Matt Kent), Labour Party	246
Zoe Nicholson , Green Party	916 (E)
Catharine Margaret Robinson , The Conservative Party Candidate	144
Adrian Ross , Green Party	794
Amy Electra Batty Wilkins , Labour Party	147

Lewes Castle Ward

Electorate: 3010

Turnout 49.7%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Diane Kay Burman , The Conservative Party Candidate	122
Emily Jane Clarke , Labour Party	572

Karen Elizabeth French , The Conservative Party Candidate	99
Nicolas Kortalla-Bird , Green Party	600 (E)
Wendy Maples , Green Party	696 (E)
Anthony Richard Parker , (Known as Tony Parker), Liberal Democrat	229
Stephen Alfred Wischhusen , (Known as Stephen Alfred Catlin), Labour Party	356
Catherine Elizabeth Wood , (Known as Kate Wood), Liberal Democrat	236

Lewes Priory Ward

Electorate:5871

Turnout 56.1%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Catherine Boorman , The Conservative Party Candidate	318
Graham Clews , Green Party	1457 (E)
Linda Daphne Drabble , Labour Party	550
Peter Hambly , Labour Party	515
Patrick John Henshaw , (Known as Paddy Henshaw), Liberal Democrat	927
Paul Keene , Green Party	1420 (E)
Edwina Jane Francesca Livesey , Liberal Democrat	870
Imogen Makepeace , Green Party	1727 (E)
Elizabeth Jane Slater , The Conservative Party Candidate	283
Danny Sweeney , Labour Party	423
Kevin James West , Liberal Democrat	981

Newhaven North Ward

Electorate:3791

Turnout 31.5%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Dirk Campbell , Green Party	64
Julie Lyn Carr , Liberal Democrat	628 (E)

Susan Marian Chowen , The Conservative Party Candidate	245
Sean Andrew Macleod , Liberal Democrat	589(E)
Tai Ray-Jones , Green Party	96
Steven Peter Saunders , (Known as Steve Saunders), Independent	348
Andrew Richard Winter , Independent	171

Newhaven South Ward

Electorate:5283

Turnout 27.5%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Abdul Shukur Ahmed , The Conservative Party Candidate	239
Graham Roger Amy , Liberal Democrat	766 (E)
Holly Atkins , Green Party	216
William John Giles , (Known as Bill Giles), The Conservative Party Candidate	338
Nicholas Martin Jones , (Known as Nick Jones), Independent	189
James Neville MacCleary , Liberal Democrat	672 (E)
Heather Pinky McLean-Knight , (Known as Pinky McLean-Knight), Independent	387
Martin Meadows , Green Party	140
Martin O'Brien , Green Party	118
Christoph David Von Kurthy , Liberal Democrat	611 (E)
Linda Wallraven , The Conservative Party Candidate	263

Newick Ward

Electorate: 1969

Turnout 50.8%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Nathaniel James Delo , (Known as Nate Delo), The Conservative Party Candidate	337
Charlotte Keenan , Green Party	533 (E)

Samantha Claire Robbins , Liberal Democrat	73
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Ouse Valley and Ringmer Ward

Electorate:5282

Turnout 43.3%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Lucy Agace , Green Party	1042 (E)
Catherine Bryan , (Known as Cathy Bryan), Liberal Democrat	383
Matthew Raymond Crisp , The Conservative Party Candidate	659
Johnny Denis , Green Party	1263 (E)
Lindsey Macleod , Liberal Democrat	367
Emily O'Brien , Green Party	1213 (E)
Katie Alexandra Sanderson , Conservative Party candidate	595
Richard John Turner , The Conservative Party Candidate	697
Victoria Jane Vincent , Liberal Democrat	420

Peacehaven East Ward

Electorate:4057

Turnout 27%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Paul Thomas Davies , Labour Party	620 (E)
Nigel David Enever , Conservative Party Candidate	399
Catherine Mary Gallagher , (Known as Cathy Gallagher), Labour Party	537 (E)
Emily Cecilia Kramers , Liberal Democrat	73
Tara Mary Moore , The Conservative Party Candidate	324
Lesley Orr , Green Party	65
Helena Elizabeth Pickup , Liberal Democrat	61
Anthony Shuster , Green Party	43

Peacehaven North Ward**Electorate:4114****Turnout 27%**

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Rikki Begley , Green Party	56
Joyce Dixon Bell , Liberal Democrat	65
Ciarron Joss Clarkson , Labour Party	555 (E)
Elizabeth Mansfield , (Known as Liz Mansfield), Green Party	60
Keira O'Neill , The Conservative Party Candidate	409
Isobel Louise Sharkey , Labour Party	553 (E)
Andrew Xavier Smith , (Known as Andy Smith), The Conservative Party Candidate	389
David Jan Stechler , Liberal Democrat	49

Peacehaven West Ward**Electorate:3731****Turnout 29.6%**

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Christopher David Collier , (Known as Chris Collier), Labour Party	689 (E)
Nicola Jayne Fabry , (Known as Nikki Fabry), Labour Party	557 (E)
Keiran Lee Sefton , Conservative Party Candidate	390
Emily Slater , Green Party	71
Debra Vice-Holt , Green Party	44
Elizabeth Jane Webb , (Known as Liz Webb), Liberal Democrat	100
Fawzia Catherine Whittuck , Liberal Democrat	46

Plumpton, Streat, East Chiltington and St John (w/o) Ward
Electorate: 1724 Turnout 52.7%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Laurence Herbert Tamerlane Large , (Known as Tam Large), The Conservative Party Candidate	208
John Oughton , Green Party	93
Daniel James Banfield Stewart-Roberts , Liberal Democrat	601 (E)

Seaford Central Ward

Electorate:3992

Turnout 34.8%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Roy Francomb , Green Party	185
Stephen John Gauntlett , Liberal Democrat	632 (E)
Frederick Hoareau , (Known as Freddie Hoareau), Liberal Democrat	523 (E)
Alice McCarthy Sommerville , Green Party	188
Christopher Purser , Labour Party	276
Geoffrey Martyn Rutland , (Known as Geoff Rutland), The Conservative Party Candidate	411
Elaine Susan Sammarco , Labour Party	297

Seaford East Ward

Electorate:3973

Turnout 48.8%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Samuel Addey Adeniji , (Known as Sam Adeniji), The Conservative Party Candidate	695
Ezra Cohen , Green Party	764 (E)
Lorraine Janet Crawley , Independent	68
Rebecca Francomb , (Known as Becky Francomb), Green Party	774 (E)
Alan Norman Latham , Reform UK	129

Julian Christopher Peterson , The Conservative Party Candidate	583
Lindsay James Stirton , Liberal Democrat	225
Elizabeth Margaret Wearmouth , (Known as Maggie Wearmouth), Liberal Democrat	215

Seaford North Ward

Electorate:3979

Turnout 37%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Roy Clay , Green Party	566 (E)
Morag Everden , Liberal Democrat	409
James Haigh Lord , The Conservative Party Candidate	414
Sylvia Vanson Lord , The Conservative Party Candidate	409
Sally Gwendolen Markwell , Liberal Democrat	404
James Meek , Green Party	584 (E)

Seaford South Ward

Electorate:3554

Turnout 46.6%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E): Elected
Christine Anne Brett , Liberal Democrat	799 (E)
Mark Frederick Mallin, Brown , The Conservative Party Candidate	422
Rachel Fryer , Green Party	150
Lisa Olivia Honeyman , (Known as Olivia Honeyman), Liberal Democrat	760 (E)
Melvyn George Simmons , The Conservative Party Candidate	349
Miranda Suheimat , Green Party	218
Alun Gwyn Tlusty-Sheen , Labour and Co-operative Party	182

Seaford West Ward

Electorate:3830

Turnout 46%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Lesley-Anne Boniface , (Known as Lesley Boniface), Liberal Democrat	733 (E)
Elizabeth Boorman , (Known as Liz Boorman), The Conservative Party Candidate	663
Christina Kathleen Bristow , Liberal Democrat	851 (E)
Robert Burns , Green Party	219
Gemma McFarlane , Green Party	155
William James Payne , (Known as Bill Payne), The Conservative Party Candidate	606
Martin William Waite , Labour Party	139

Wivelsfield Ward

Electorate:2223

Turnout 42.6%

Name of Candidate	Votes Recorded (E):
Nancy Ray Bikson , The Conservative Party Candidate	345
William Coupland , Green Party	497(E)
Julie Catherine Salmon , Liberal Democrat	102