

Report to: Annual Council

Date: 24 May 2023

Title: Borough Council Elections held on 4 May 2023 – Returning Officer Report

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 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 Eastbourne Borough 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 27 of the council seats in the borough's 9 wards.
- 1.3 A total of 99 candidates stood for election to the borough council representing 6 political parties (Conservative, Green, Labour, Liberal Democrats, Reform UK and UKIP), only the Liberal Democrats and Conservatives fielded candidates in respect of all 27 vacancies. In addition, there was 1 independent candidate in Hampden Park 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 are as follows:

Ward:	Full name of Councillor:
Devonshire	Margaret Elizabeth BANNISTER , Christina Jane EWBANK , Stephen Alfred HOLT
Hampden Park	James Robert MURRAY , Teresa Marie COOPER , Colin Richard SWANSBOROUGH
Langney	Anita MAYES , Alan SHUTTLEWORTH , Candy VAUGHAN
Meads	Andrew William COLLINS , Jane Elizabeth LAMB , Robert Christopher SMART
Old Town	Ali Asgar DEHDASHTY , Peter Robert DIPLOCK , Amanda Jennifer MORRIS
Ratton	Nicholas John Raymond ANSELL , Colin Sidney BELSEY , David SMALL
St Anthony's	Daniel David Anstey BUTCHER , Hugh Wayne PARKER , Jenny WILLIAMS
Sovereign	Penelope Rose DI CARA , Nigel Royston GOODYEAR , Kshama SHORE
Upperton	Katherine Leah BALLARD , Robin Hugh MAXTED , Patrick Joseph RODOHAN

3 Electoral turnout figures

3.1 The overall electorate was 75,688 and the overall voting total was 25,824 giving and overall turnout of 34.12%. Turnout by ward is shown in the appendix to this report. The overall total of rejected votes was 107.

4 Absent voting

4.1 Within the overall totals, 15,488 postal votes were issued. A total of 10,489 postal votes were returned giving a postal vote turnout of 67.72%

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

Ward	No Postal Votes Accepted
Devonshire	966
Hampden Park	743
Langney	909
Meads	1500
Old Town	1259
Ratton	1415
St Anthony's	1017
Sovereign	1476
Upperton	1204

4.3 A total of 43 proxy votes were granted and 4 Emergency Proxy applications.

5 Polling stations and counting arrangements

5.1 34 polling stations were opened between the hours of 7.00 am and 10.00pm on the 4 May.

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 34 polling stations 34 electors could not initially be issued their ballot paper due to not having valid ID, of those 13 voters then returned later with valid ID and cast their vote.

5.3 The borough count commenced at 9am on Friday 5 May in the Floral Hall at the Winter Gardens and was concluded at 3.30pm

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

Appendix 1

Devonshire Ward

Electorate: 9790

Turnout 27.67%

Name of candidate	Description	Number of votes recorded
Margaret Elizabeth BANNISTER	Liberal Democrats	1409 E
Tahrin BEGUM	Conservative Party Candidate	505
David Charles BRINSON (commonly known as Dave Brinson)	Labour Party	631
Christina Jane EWBank	Liberal Democrats	1248 E
Nigel John Dallewy HARPER	UK Independence Party	147
Stephen Alfred HOLT	Liberal Democrats	1233 E
John Nicholas LAMBERT	Labour Party	503
Theresa Colette MCGHEE	Green Party	333
Anne Mary MCWILLIAMS	Conservative Party Candidate	529
Fiona Marian MULLEN	Conservative Party Candidate	565
Lyn PEMBERTON	Labour Party	451

Hampden Park Ward

Electorate: 7645

Turnout 25.77%

Name of candidate	Description	Number of votes recorded
Luke Edward BORLAND	Conservative Party Candidate	448
Graham Arthur DEAN	Labour Party	254
Susan Alison DIXON (commonly known as Sue Dixon)	Green Party	215
Wendy Elizabeth LAMBERT	Labour Party	264
Brian Leslie LIDDIARD	Conservative Party Candidate	408
Peter LUTTERER	Conservative Party Candidate	411
James Robert MURRAY (commonly known as Jim Murray)	Liberal Democrats	1037 E
David Cary POOLE (commonly known as Dave Poole)		97
Margaret Elizabeth ROBINSON	Labour Party	271
Teresa Marie COOPER (commonly known as Teri Sayers-Cooper)	Liberal Democrats	1004 E
Colin Richard SWANSBOROUGH	Liberal Democrats	1091 E

Langney Ward**Electorate: 7710****Turnout 27.02%**

Name of candidate	Description	Number of votes recorded
Lee COMFORT	Labour Party	175
Ian Charles GARBUTT	UK Independence Party	95
Sarah HILL	Green Party	137
Radwan HUSSAIN	Conservative Party Candidate	310
Anita MAYES	Liberal Democrats	1358 E
Roy William NOBLE	Labour Party	132
Alan SHUTTLEWORTH	Liberal Democrats	1485 E
Brian Anthony STEVENS	Conservative Party Candidate	372
Daniel THOMAS	Labour Party	114
Candy VAUGHAN	Liberal Democrats	1318 E
Louise Helen WOOLER (commonly known as Lucy Wooler)	Conservative Party Candidate	354

Meads Ward**Electorate: 8517****Turnout 44.99%**

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Andrew William COLLINS (commonly known as Andy Collins)	Liberal Democrats	1630 E
William Charles Douglas FILBY (commonly known as Bill Filby)	Labour Party	176
Keith Vernon GELL	Reform UK	184
Angela Mary GOODCHILD	Labour Party	209
Alexandra HOUGH	Green Party	297
John Edward HUDSON	Liberal Democrats	1457
Jane Elizabeth LAMB	Conservative Party Candidate	1585 E
Michael David MANNION (commonly known as Dr David Mannion)	Labour Party	211
Claire Marie MARTIN	Green Party	247
Kirsteen MILLER	Liberal Democrats	1515
Christopher George DE WETTE MULLENS (commonly known as Kayaking Kris Mullens)	Reform UK	156

Robert Christopher SMART	Conservative Party Candidate	1536 E
Nicholas Brian TAYLOR	Conservative Party Candidate	1508

Old Town Ward

Electorate: 8298

Turnout 43.34%

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Vivienne DE HAVILLAND-GERAGHTY	Conservative Party Candidate	767
Ali Asgar DEHDASHTY	Liberal Democrats	1939 E
Peter Robert DIPLOCK	Liberal Democrats	2074 E
Trevor Alvan EGGLESTONE	Green Party	339
Jessica Gail GISBY	Conservative Party Candidate	817
Jo HENDERSON	Green Party	421
Colin Andrew HORSCROFT	UK Independence Party	99
Jake LAMBERT	Labour and Co-operative Party	497
Amanda Jennifer MORRIS	Liberal Democrats	1913 E
Anne Philippa OLIPHANT (commonly known as Pippa Oliphant)	Green Party	364
Paul RICHARDS	Labour and Co-operative Party	262
James Rupert SNEATH	Conservative Party Candidate	738

Ratton Ward

Electorate: 7386

Turnout 38.75%

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Nicholas John Raymond ANSELL (commonly known as Nick Ansell)	Conservative Party Candidate	1438 E
Thomas Christopher BANNER (commonly known as Tom Banner)	Liberal Democrats	1002
Colin Sidney BELSEY	Conservative Party Candidate	1453 E
Patrick Michael Collins DUFFY	Labour Party	223
David Christopher GODFREY	Labour Party	281
Carolyn Joan HEAPS	Liberal Democrats	992
Jill Margaret SHACKLOCK	Labour Party	242
David SMALL	Conservative Party Candidate	1324 E

Joanna Mary THORPE (commonly known as Jo Thorpe)	Green Party	338
Brett Anthony WRIGHT	Liberal Democrats	862

St Anthony's Ward

Electorate: 8419

Turnout 29.41%

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Daniel David Anstey BUTCHER	Liberal Democrats	1399 E
Bradley Paul COLEIRO-SWAIN	Conservative Party Candidate	570
Richard Thomas DAVIS	Conservative Party Candidate	592
Sandie Mary HOWLETT	Conservative Party Candidate	599
Rachael Dawn NORRIS	Green Party	414
Hugh Wayne PARKER	Liberal Democrats	1304 E
Noah Alan RUTTER	Green Party	307
John Mitchell Stewart SAILING	Labour Party	269
Jenny WILLIAMS	Liberal Democrats	1395 E

Sovereign Ward

Electorate: 9364

Turnout 33.63%

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Jonathan Elliott BALLARD	Liberal Democrats	996
Derek James BRADLEY	Labour Party	321
Penelope Rose DI CARA (commonly known as Penny Di Cara)	Conservative Party Candidate	1629 E
Matthew Mark DOHERTY (commonly known as Matt Doherty)	Liberal Democrats	914
Deidre Latasha GLASGOW	Liberal Democrats	874
Nigel Royston GOODYEAR	Conservative Party Candidate	1480 E
Susan Helen KERRISON	Green Party	386
Scott John MURLY-CLEVES	Labour Party	270
Alexander James Fabian RICHARDS	Labour Party	289
Kshama SHORE	Conservative Party Candidate	1511 E
Susan Alicia WHALL-POOLE (commonly known as Sue Whall)	Green Party	323

Upperton Ward

Electorate: 8559

Turnout 36.77%

Name of candidates	Description	Number of votes recorded
Anne Frances ANGEL	Conservative Party Candidate	929
Katherine Leah BALLARD (commonly known as Kathy Ballard)	Liberal Democrats	1683 E
Gabriel Richard BECK	Labour Party	318
Jaime Nicholas BIRDBROOK	Green Party	282
Ian Derek CULSHAW	Labour Party	247
Nicholas Martin HENDERSON (commonly known as Nick Henderson)	Conservative Party Candidate	897
Daniel Neil HILL	Labour Party	212
Mozmil HUSSAIN	Conservative Party Candidate	826
Robin Hugh MAXTED	Liberal Democrats	1585 E
Justine Mary MUNSON	Green Party	354
Patrick Joseph RODOHAN (commonly known as Pat Rodohan)	Liberal Democrats	1633 E