

# Return of Councillors Elected on Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016

**Council**

**Date: 20<sup>th</sup> May 2016**

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Wards: All  
Locality Affected: All  
Parishes Affected: All

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## **1. Purpose and Reasons**

- 1.1 To report the return of Councillors elected on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016.
- 1.2 It is necessary under the provisions of the Council's Constitution (Council Procedure Rules/Standing Orders) for the Council to report the return of Councillors elected at Borough Council elections to the Council's Annual meeting.

## **2. Recommendations**

Council is recommended to:

- 2.1 Note and welcome the return of Councillors elected to Swindon Borough Council on 5<sup>th</sup> May 2016, as set out in paragraph 3.1 of the report.

## **3. Detail**

- 3.1 The following Councillors were elected to serve on Swindon Borough Council on 5th May 2016:-

<b>WARD</b>	<b>NAME OF COUNCILLOR ELECTED</b>
Blunsdon and Highworth	Maureen Rita Penny
Central	Robert Stanley Wright
Covingham and Dorcan	Barbara Samantha Parry
Eastcott	Stanley James Pajak
Gorse Hill and Pinehurst	Ericqua Raymone Ballman
Haydon Wick	Oliver Donachie
Liden, Eldene and Park South	Fay Howard
Lydiard and Freshbrook	Matthew Eric Courtcliffe
Mannington and Western	Kevin David Small
Old Town	Jane Elizabeth Ballard (known as Jane Milner-Barry)

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Penhill and Upper Stratton	Mark Edward Dempsey
Priory Vale	Malcolm Stephen Davies
Ridgeway	Gary Sumner
Rodbourne Cheney	Des Moffatt
Shaw	Keith Robert Williams
St. Andrews	Vera Margaret Rose Tomlinson
St. Margaret and South Marston	Russell Stephen Holland
Walcot and Park North	Stephen Raymond Allsopp
Wroughton and Wichelstowe	Brian John Ford

- 3.2 Out of an eligible electorate of 146,836 the total number of votes cast was 49,986 giving a turnout of 34.04%. This compares to a turnout of 35.47% in 2014 (the Borough Council elections were combined with the General election in 2015).
- 3.3 In terms of those who voted by post as compared to voting in person, 25,773 postal votes were issued of which 16,129 were returned (62.58%).
- 3.4 In summary, the numbers of votes cast and method of voting was as follows:

<u>Method</u>	<u>Ballots cast</u>	<u>% of Turnout</u>
Polling Station Ballots	33,857	67.73%
Postal Votes	16,129	32.27%

## **4. Alternative Options**

- 4.1 No alternative options are proposed.

## **5. Implications, Diversity Impact Assessment and Risk Management**

### Financial and Procurement Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial or procurement implications as expenses relating to the election of Councillors will be met from existing budgets.

### Legal and Human Rights Implications

- 5.2 The election took place in accordance with the relevant statutory provisions and Legal and Human Rights considerations have been taken into account in compiling this report.

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## All Other Implications (including Staff, Sustainability, Health, Rural, Crime and Disorder)

- 5.3 There are no other implications for consideration.

## Diversity Impact Assessment

- 5.4 A Diversity Impact Assessment was not required for the reporting of Councillors elected.

## Risk Management

- 5.5 There are no risk management implications arising from this report.

## **6. Consultees**

- 6.1 The Board Director, Resources (Section 151 Officer) and Director of Law and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer) are consulted in respect of all reports.

## **7. Background Papers**

- 7.1 Returns of Councillors Elected.

## **8. Appendices**

- 8.1 None.