

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION:
WARD 1 – BO’NESS AND BLACKNESS
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 9 DECEMBER 2009
Author: RETURNING OFFICER**

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1. A By-election to fill the vacancy in Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness following the death of Councillor H Constable was held on Thursday 19 November 2009.

2. RESULT

- 2.1. Following a 23.5% poll of a total electorate of 11,999 electors, the votes were cast as under-noted:-

Candidates	Number of Votes Cast
Lennox Ainslie (Scottish Labour Party Candidate)	823
Gavin Chomczuk (Scottish Liberal Democrats)	79
Lynn Munro (Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party)	283
Ann Ritchie (Scottish National Party (SNP))	1,604
Rejected ballot papers	26

- 2.2. Accordingly, Ann Ritchie was duly elected to serve as local Member for Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness.

3. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE

- 3.1. I confirm that Councillor Ritchie has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. RECOMMENDATION

- 4.1. Council is asked to note the election of Ann Ritchie to serve as local Member for Ward 1 – Bo’ness and Blackness.

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Returning Officer

Date: 23 November 2009

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL