

FALKIRK COUNCIL

**Subject: LOCAL GOVERNMENT BY-ELECTION:
WARD 1 – BO’NESS AND BLACKNESS**
Meeting: FALKIRK COUNCIL
Date: 22 JUNE 2011
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 John Constable was held on Thursday 9 June 2011.

2. RESULT

- 2.1. Following a 25.2% poll of a total electorate of 11,199 electors, the votes were cast as under-noted:-

Candidates	Number of Votes Cast
David Aitchison (Scottish Labour Party)	893
Gerry Lawton (Independent)	59
Lynn Munro (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)	231
Sandy Turner (Scottish National Party (SNP))	1,621
Rejected ballot papers	19

- 2.2. Accordingly, Sandy Turner 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 Turner has signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office.

4. RECOMMENDATION

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

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Returning Officer

Date: 10 June 2011

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LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

NIL