

Availability of Results Guide

Local Government postal by-elections
2020 - 2024



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Reports available on count day

During the data entry phase of the computer count, a hard copy report detailing progressive first preference results for each candidate will be made available to scrutineers.

The *First Preference Votes Counted* report (Example A, page 5) will be generated and displayed at the intervals shown below.

Estimated count duration	Less than 1 hour	1 to 3 hours	Longer than 3 hours
Timing of report generation	Generated at end of count only	Generated at 1.5 hours and end of count	Generated at 1.5 hours, then every 3 hours of data entry (at a minimum).

Following the conclusion of the data entry phase and the calculation of the result, a final version of this report will be printed, along with a report detailing all distributions of preferences. Both will be made available to candidates and scrutineers and any other interested parties.

There are two types of distribution reports for computer counts:

1. The *Distribution of Preference Votes* report (Example C, page 8) which will only be generated once the final results have been calculated for single-vacancy elections.
2. The *Proportional Representation Distribution* report (Example D, page 9) which will only be generated once the final results have been calculated for multi-vacancy elections

Reports available after count day by request

The *Ballot Paper Details* report (Example B, pages 6 and 7) will only be generated on count day for use during any quality assurance procedures or when the audit of a batch is required.

A full version of this report (soft copy) will be available from the Election Manager, by request, within two days of the Declaration occurring.

Note that once election material has been sealed and stored in accordance with legislation, this data will no longer be available.

Examples

Example A: First Preference Votes Counted report

Date: 19/08/2020

Time: 14:56

The Little City Council 2016

Major Ward

First Preference Vote Count - Computer Count

Batch No. 1 to 5

GILLESPIE, Dizzy	12
ARMSTRONG, Louis	5
JACKSON, Milt	3
LEWIS, John	0
HANCOCK, Herbie	0
Total	20

Example B: Ballot Paper Details report

Date:
19/08/2020
Time: 15:40

The Little City Council
2016
Major Ward

Ballot Paper Details -
Report
Total formal batches included in report: 4
Total informal batches included in report: 0

Batch No. 1

Ballot Paper Preferences Recorded Against Candidates in Ballot Paper Order

1	1	2	4	3	5
2	1	2	4	3	5
3	1	2	4	3	5
4	1	2	4	3	5
5	1	2	4	3	5
6	1	2	4	3	5
7	1	2	4	5	3
8	1	2	4	5	3
9	1	2	4	5	3
10	1	2	4	5	3

Batch No. 2

Ballot Paper Preferences Recorded Against Candidates in Ballot Paper Order

1	1	2	4	5	3
2	1	2	4	5	3
3	3	1	2	4	5
4	5	1	2	4	3
5	5	1	2	3	4
6	4	1	2	3	5
7	4	1	2	3	5
8	2	3	1	4	5
9	5	4	1	3	2
10	5	4	1	3	2

Batch No. 3

Ballot Paper Preferences Recorded Against Candidates in Ballot Paper Order

1	5	4	1	3	2
2	5	4	1	3	2
3	5	4	1	3	2
4	3	4	5	1	2
5	3	4	5	1	2
6	3	4	5	1	2
7	3	4	5	1	2
8	3	4	5	1	2
9	3	4	5	1	2
10	3	4	5	1	2

Batch No. 4

Ballot Paper Preferences Recorded Against Candidates in Ballot Paper Order

1	3	4	5	1	2
2	3	4	5	1	2
3	3	4	5	1	2
4	3	4	5	2	1
5	3	4	5	2	1
6	3	4	5	2	1
7	3	4	5	2	1
8	3	4	5	2	1
9	3	4	5	2	1
10	3	4	5	2	1

Note: Column one = the ballot paper number. Preferences are detailed in subsequent columns.

Example C: Distribution of Preference Votes report

Distribution of Preference Votes

The Little City Council

Minor Ward

Print Date/Time: 02/05/2005 15:14

Total valid first preference votes polled for all candidates 20

Number of votes required to constitute an absolute majority on first count 11

Number of informal votes 3

Candidates Names (in ballot paper order)	HORN, Lena	HOLLIDAY, Billie	VAUGHAN, Sarah	FITZGERALD, Ella	TOTAL
Total first preference votes recorded for each candidate	10	4	4	2	20
Transfer of 2 ballot-papers of FITZGERALD, Ella (1st excluded candidate)	0	1	1		2
Progressive Total	10	5	5		20
Transfer of 5 ballot-papers of VAUGHAN, Sarah (2nd excluded candidate)	4	1			5
FINAL TOTAL	14	6			20

Name of ELECTED candidate: HORN, Lena

Example D: Proportional Representation Distribution report

Print Date/Time: 02/05/2005 15:14

Distribution Report

The Little City Council

Major Ward

Election of 3 Councillors

Formal Ballot Papers included in count: 40

Informal Ballot Papers: 0

Total Ballot Papers: 40

Quota: 11

Count No.	Count Details	Transfer Value	CANDIDATES							TOTAL	Candidates elected at this count	
			GILLESPIE, Dizzy	ARMSTRONG, Louis	JACKSON, Milt	LEWIS, John	HANCOCK, Herbie	Gain/Loss	Exhausted			
1	1st Preferences	1	12	5	6	10	7				40	GILLESPIE, DIZZY
2	Surplus of 0.08333333 BPs GILLESPIE, Dizzy 12 ballot papers distributed		-12	12	0	0	0	0			0	
	Value		-1	1	0	0	0	0			0	
	PTotal		11	6	6	10	7	0			40	
3	Exclusion of ARMSTRONG, Louis 5 ballot papers from count 1	1		-5	5	0	0	0			0	
	Value			-5	5	0	0	0			0	
	PTotal		11	1	11	10	7	0			40	JACKSON, MITT
4	Exclusion of ARMSTRONG, Louis 12 ballot papers from count 2	0.08333333		-12	0	6	6	6			0	
	Value			-1	0	0	0	0			1	
	PTotal		11	0	11	10	7	7			40	LEWIS, JOHN

