

ROTHERHAM BOROUGH COUNCIL – REPORT TO MEMBERS

1.	Meeting:	Council Meeting
2.	Date:	22nd May 2015
3.	Title:	Report of the Returning Officer – Local Elections 2015
4.	Directorate:	Resources

5. Summary

This report informs Council of the results of the Local Elections held on 7th May 2015.

6. Recommendations

That Council notes the results of the Local Elections.

7. Proposals and Details

7.1 The Local Elections were held on 7th May 2015. The electorate elected one –third of the total number of Councillors to serve on Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council.

7.2 There will be ‘all-out’ elections for the Council in 2016 and therefore the Councillors elected this year will only serve as Councillors until 5th May 2016 when the ‘all out ‘ elections will be held.

7.3 The total local government electorate for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council was 197,761 and the overall turnout was 60.55%. A list of those Councillors elected, their wards and number of votes polled is at **Appendix 1**.

7.4 Appended to Appendix 1 is a detailed breakdown by ward, including the number of votes polled by candidate, numbers of rejected votes and turnout statistics.

8. Finance

The election this year was combined with General Election and therefore the costs of the Election are shared between Local and Central Government.

The accounts have to be submitted within six months of the elections and at this point it is not possible to state what the Council’s share of the costs will be.

9. Risks and Uncertainties

None.

10. Policy and Performance Agenda Implications

It is a statutory duty to hold local elections in line with central government legislation.

11. Background Papers and Consultation

Files held by the Electoral Registration Office.

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