

**EXPLANATORY NOTE:**

**UNDERSTANDING THE PREFERENCE VOTING INFORMATION FROM THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (COUNCIL) ELECTIONS**

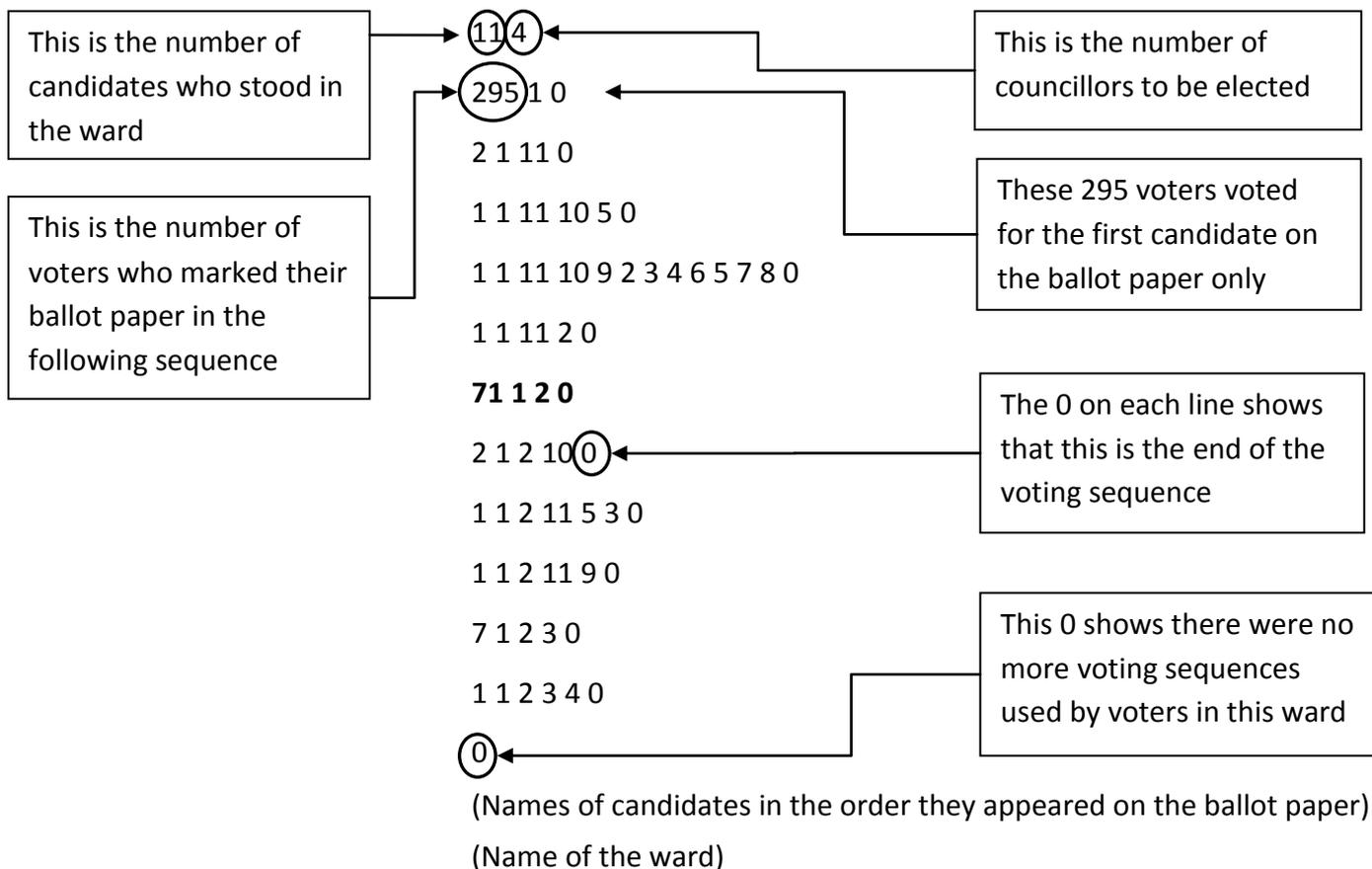
**Date of Poll: Thursday 3 May 2012**

Under the requirements of The Scottish Local Government Elections Amendment (No. 2) Order 2012, the Returning Officer has made voting information from the Local Government (Council) elections, held in Moray on Thursday 3 May 2012, available.

There is one report for each ward which shows how voters ranked candidates in order of preference. The data does not allow any person to ascertain how any particular elector has given his or her vote.

**Understanding the Report**

- The first line of the report shows how many candidates there were and how many councillors were to be elected.
- The subsequent lines begin with the number of voters who ranked the candidates in the same order.
- There then follows the order that those voters used. For example, the 7th row in bold below shows that 71 voters gave their first preference to the candidate who appeared first on the ballot paper, and their second preference to the candidate who appeared second.
- The names of the candidates in the order they appeared on the ballot paper is given at the end of the report.
- The figure '0' means that there were no more preferences given to any candidate by voters who used this sequence.
- The final '0' on the last line shows that the report has finished and no more sequences were used.



If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Elections Office on 01343 563334 or email [election.enquiries@moray.gov.uk](mailto:election.enquiries@moray.gov.uk)

Other results data from this election has already been published and is available at [www.moray.gov.uk/elections](http://www.moray.gov.uk/elections) and follow links to 'Previous Elections Results'

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