

Party	Candidate	2012			Candidate	2014			Change		Change in share	
		Votes	% share	Rank		Votes	% share	Rank	in vote	% points	% previous share	
Independent	Stuart Marshall	1,734	56.72	1				n/a	n/a	n/a		
Independent	Craig Bryson	30	0.98	7	Craig Bryson	74	2.58	7	44	1.59	n/a	
Independent					Watson McAteer	732	25.48	1	732	25.48	n/a	
Independent					Davie Paterson	250	8.70	6	250	8.70	n/a	
Independent					Marion Short	326	11.35	5	326	11.35	n/a	
Scottish Conservatives	Zandra Elliott	427	13.97	2	Trevor Adams	622	21.65	2	195	7.68	55.00	
Scottish Labour	Michael Grieve	147	4.81	5				n/a	n/a			
Scottish Liberal Democrats	Watson McAteer	263	8.60	4	Ian Turnbull	450	15.66	3	187	7.06	82.06	
Scottish National Party	Alastair Cranston	381	12.46	3	Harry Stoddart	419	14.58	4	38	2.12	17.02	
Borders Party	Mary Douglas	75	2.45	6				n/a	n/a			
Spoilt												
Total		3,057				2,873						
Spoilt		34				47						
Votes cast		3,061				2,920						

Notes

The 2012 election was a main council election at which three candidates were elected, the 2014 election was a by-election, at which one candidate was elected.

First preference The votes shown in the above table are first preference votes. In both 2012 and 2014, the ranking by first preference reflected the sequence in which the candidates were eliminated during the transfers. A detailed record of the transfers was published by Scottish Borders Council and can be accessed via their web site.

Stuart Marshall Stuart Marshall is a well-known local figure. His absence from the list of candidates in 2014 may have had a distorting influence on the relative performance of the parties and other independents compared with 2012, when he was present.

Independents With the exception of Craig Bryson, the candidates who stood as independents in 2012 and 2014 were different. The meaningfulness of the changes in their votes calculated for the above table is therefore limited.

Watson McAteer: Watson McAteer, the winner in 2014, stood as a Liberal Democrat in 2012 and as an Independent (with the endorsement of the Borders Party) in 2014, when he was opposed by an alternative Liberal Democrat candidate. He has therefore been treated as a new Independent in 2014 and the performance of the Liberal Democrat candidates in 2009 and 2014 compared as party candidates rather than individual personalities.