

RESULT OF THE TUPSLEY BY-ELECTION

Report By: Returning Officer

Wards Affected

Tupsley

Purpose

1. To formally note the result of the by-election for Tupsley Ward.

Financial Implications

2. There are no direct financial implications.

Background

3. On 4th November, 2005, the Council had noted the circumstances in which the office of Councillor for the Tupsley Ward had fallen vacant.

Result

4. The election was contested and a poll was held on 1st December, 2005. Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Taylor (Liberal Democrat) was elected as Councillor for the Tupsley Ward and has completed her Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
5. The full result of the by-election was as follows:

Elizabeth Ann Taylor	Liberal Democrat	831
John Walter Perris	Conservative	608
Guy Griffiths	Independent	274
John Henry Olivier	Labour	118
Richard Thomas	Independent	56

3. Voter Turnout was 27.03%

Effect on Proportionality

4. No request has been received to review proportionality in advance of the review which takes place at the Annual Meeting of Council in May 2006. Because the late Councillor George Hyde was a Cabinet Member there is no Scrutiny Committee seat to relinquish to Councillor Mrs. Taylor. The four political group leaders have agreed to increase the membership of the Children's Services Scrutiny Committee by one to

enable Councillor Mrs. Taylor to serve on that Scrutiny Committee pending the May review.

RECOMMENDATION

THAT the information be noted.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

- None identified.