**DECLARATION OF RESULT**

**Referendum on how Torbay Council is run**

**on Thursday 5 May 2016**

I, Caroline Taylor, being the Counting Officer for the Referendum on how Torbay Council is run, do hereby give notice that the number of votes cast for each answer to the following question is as follows:

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| **How would you like Torbay Council to be run?** | **Number of****Votes\*** |
| By a **mayor** who is elected by voters. This is how the council is run now. | 9,511 |
| By a **leader** who is an elected councillor chosen by a vote of the other elected councillors. This would be a change from how the council is run now. | 15,846 |

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| **The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:** | **Number of****ballot papers** |
| A want of an official mark | 0 |
| B voting for more than one answer | 24 |
| C writing or mark by which voter could be identified | 0 |
| D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty  | 105 |
| Total | 129 |

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| Eligible Electorate: 100,853 | Turnout: 25.27% |

And therefore the referendum result is for Torbay Council’s governance arrangements to change to that of a Leader and Cabinet system with effect from May 2019.