

Central Bedfordshire Council election results announced

Voters across Central Bedfordshire have elected a new Council made up of 27 Independent, 20 Conservative, 10 Liberal Democrat, 5 Labour and one Green Party councillors.

The previous administration was made up of 38 Conservatives (with one vacancy), 16 Independent councillors, three Liberal Democrats and one Labour councillor, so today's (5 May) result means that no group has overall control of the Council.

The declaration of results at Central Bedfordshire Council's headquarters in Priory House, Chicksands, followed an election which saw 240 candidates standing for 63 seats across the 31 wards.

Central Bedfordshire Council's Chief Executive and Returning Officer, Marcel Coiffait, welcomed the new Council. He said: "As well as congratulating our newly elected and returning Members, I would also like to thank the hundreds of polling and count staff who have supported these elections. Our elections team has done a fantastic job."

Announcements about which councillors will take up different positions on the Council, including appointments to the Executive and the role of Council Chair, will take place at the AGM at Priory House on Thursday, 25 May.

Counting is also taking place today (5 May) for town and parish councils in many areas across Central Bedfordshire. Results of the town and parish elections will be posted on the council's website as they become available.

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Details of Town & Parish Council elections are available at: https://www.centralbedfordshire.gov.uk/directory/3/election_results/category/754