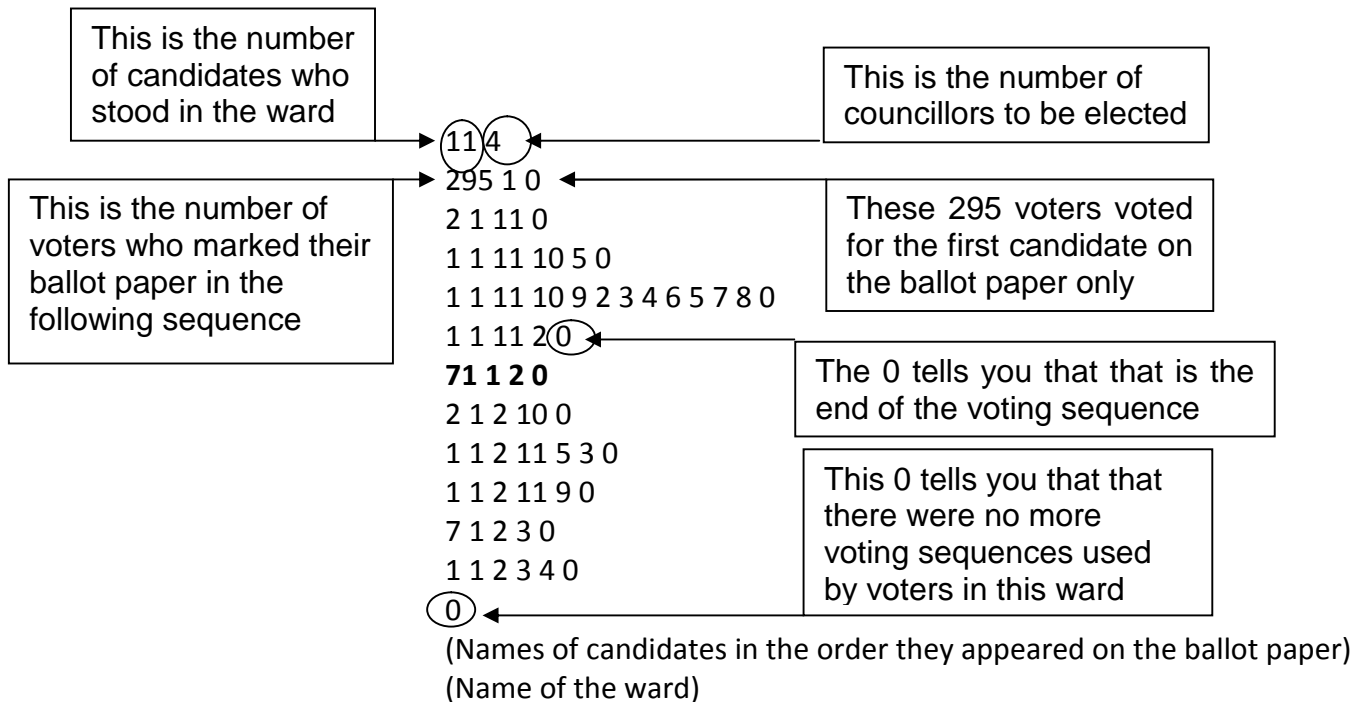**ELECTORAL MANAGEMENT BOARD FOR SCOTLAND**

> **HOW TO UNDERSTAND THE VOTING INFORMATION FROM THE 2012 COUNCIL ELECTIONS**

The Returning Officer has made voting information from the 2012 council elections available to anyone who wishes to find out more about voters ranked the candidates in order of preference. There is one report for each ward.

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 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.

This is the number of candidates who stood in the ward

This is the number of councillors to be elected

This is the number of voters who marked their ballot paper in the following sequence

11 4

295 1 0

These 295 voters voted for the first candidate on the ballot paper only

2 1 11 0

1 1 11 10 5 0

1 1 11 10 9 2 3 4 6 5 7 8 0

1 1 11 2 0

The 0 tells you that that is the end of the voting sequence

71 1 2 0

2 1 2 10 0

1 1 2 11 5 3 0

1 1 2 11 9 0

7 1 2 3 0

1 1 2 3 4 0

This 0 tells you that that there were no more voting sequences used by voters in this ward

0

(Names of candidates in the order they appeared on the ballot paper)

(Name of the ward)

If you have any questions about the reports, please contact the Elections Office on 01738 475004 or email elections@pkc.gov.uk

Other data from the elections has already been published and is available at www.pkc.gov.uk