

# DECLARATION OF RESULT OF POLL

Suffolk County Council  
**Election of a County Councillor**  
to  
**Stowmarket West Division**  
on  
**Thursday 07 May 2026**

I, Arthur Charvonia, being the Deputy Returning Officer at the above election, do hereby give notice that the number of votes recorded for each Candidate at the said election is as follows:

Name of Candidate	Description (if any)	Number of Votes*
<b>EKPENYONG</b> PAUL	The Conservative Party Candidate	518
<b>PAYNE</b> SHAUN	Reform UK	1148
<b>SMITH</b> MICHAEL	Labour Party Candidate	179
<b>WELHAM</b> KEITH PAUL	The Green Party candidate	1456 <b>Elected</b>

\* If elected the word 'Elected' appears against the number of votes.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:	Number of ballot papers
A want of an official mark	0
B voting for more Candidates than voter was entitled to	4
C writing or mark by which voter could be identified	0
D being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	6
Total	10

Vacant Seats: 1

Electorate: 8128

Ballot Papers Issued: 3314

Turnout: 40.78 %

And I do hereby declare that, Keith Paul WELHAM is duly elected.

Dated: Friday, 8 May 2026

Arthur Charvonia  
Deputy Returning Officer