Date of Election: 2 May 2019

I, Philip Simpkins, being the Returning Officer for the Mayoral Election held on 2 May 2019 in the Borough of Bedford, state that after the count of first and second preference votes, the number of votes recorded for each candidate is as follows:

Candidate Name	First Preference votes	Second Preference votes for candidates remaining after the count of first preference votes	Total number of votes for Candidates remaining after the count of second preference votes
Dave Hodgson	17,596	3,820	21,416
Giovanni Carafano	15,778	2,327	18,105
Adrian Haynes	2,627		
Jenni Jackson	9,677		
Adrian Spurrell	3,239		

I therefore declare that the said Dave Hodgson is duly elected Mayor for the Borough of Bedford.

The number of ballot papers rejected was as follows:-		Number
(A)	want of an official mark	0
(B)	voting for more than one candidate	430
(C)	writing or mark by which voter could be identified	11
(D)	being unmarked or wholly void for uncertainty	556
(E)	rejected in part	4
TOTAL REJECTED		1001

Dated:

P J SIMPKINS RETURNING OFFICER