**Report on the Chair of Court Election and Procedure for publication**

**CHAIR OF COURT ELECTION**

The University of Stirling undertook a process to appoint a Chair of its Governing Body, the University Court, in accordance with the requirements of the HE Governance (Scotland) Act 2016. This report is made in accordance with Section 3 (3) of the Higher Education Governance (Scotland) Act 2016.

**Applications**

Applications from nineteen individuals were received for the position.

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| **Age** | **Disability** | **Gender** | **Gender Reassignment**  |
| **40-49** | **60-69** | **70-80** | **Not declared** | **No**  | **Yes** | **Not declared**  | **Female**  | **Male**  | **Not declared** | **No** | **Not declared**  |
| 1 | 8 | 1 | 9 | 10 | 1 | 8 | 2 | 16 | 1 | 8 | 11 |
| **Pregnancy / Maternity** | **Race/ Ethnicity** |
| **Not declared** | **White – Scottish** | **White** | **Asian or Asian British - Indian** | **Black or Black British - African** | **Not declared** |
| 19 | 3 | 5 | 1 | 1 | 9 |
| **Religion** | **Sexual Orientation**  |
| **Christian – other denomination**  | **Christian Church of Scotland** | **Christian Roman Catholic**  | **Spiritual**  | **No religion**  | **Not declared** | **Gay man** | **Hetero sexual / straight**  | **Not declared** |
| 5 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 1 | 9 | 1 | 6 | 12 |

**Interview**

Following shortlisting, five applicants were interviewed.

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| **Age** | **Disability** | **Gender** | **Gender Reassignment**  |
| **60-69** | **Not declared** | **No** | **Not declared**  | **Female** | **Male** | **No** | **Not declared** |
| 4 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 3 | 2 |
| **Pregnancy / Maternity** | **Race/ Ethnicity** |
| **Not declared** | **White – Scottish** | **White** | **Not declared** |
| 5 | 1 | 3 | 2 |
| **Religion** | **Sexual Orientation**  |
| **Christian – other denomination**  | **Christian Church of Scotland** | **Not declared** | **Gay man** | **Heterosexual / straight**  | **Not declared** |
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**Election**

Following interview, two applicants were declared candidates for election. The equalities information for the two candidates who stood for election is being withheld in order to protect their personal data.

An election was held between Tuesday 4th May 2021 and Friday 7th May 2021 with an electorate of the staff, students and members of University Court conducted in accordance with our election procedures.

Harry Adam was elected Chair of the University Court for a four-year term until 31st July 2025, having received 652 votes. A total of 1,239 votes were cast from an electorate of 15,507, representing a 7.99% turnout.