

AUDIO – The Edinburgh Reporter chats with Mark Lazarowicz MP



Mark Lazarowicz was first elected as an MP in 2001. He has represented the Edinburgh North and Leith constituency since then.

[His website](#) tells us:-

“Mark is an active member of the Environmental Audit Committee (EAC) – a House of Commons Select Committee which examines Government policies on the environment and produces independent reports which often set the agenda for change.

The EAC has produced reports on issues as diverse as green jobs and skills, air pollution, and deforestation.

In the last Parliament he was also a member of the House of Commons Modernisation Committee which looked at ways of modernising the way Parliament works to bring it closer to the people that elect it.

Before becoming an MP, Mark already served as Leader of the City of Edinburgh Council from 1986 to 1993, and was the Council’s Executive Member with responsibility for transport from 1999 to 2001.

During his term as Leader of the Council, he initiated Edinburgh’s biggest ever programme of housing regeneration and also played a leading part in the development of the Edinburgh Festival Theatre and the Edinburgh Tourist Board.

As Executive member for transport, he started the largest programme of 20 mph zones in any Scottish council. He also

won £20 million extra funding from the Scottish Executive to promote road and pavement repairs, bus route improvements and safer routes for pedestrians and cyclists.”

The Reporter caught up with him on Friday morning when he was in his office on Leith Walk to meet up with some locals who consult him on a range of issues.

[Interview with Mark Lazarowicz MP for Edinburgh North and Leith \(mp3\)](#)