

Edinburgh LibDems launch their manifesto



The Edinburgh Liberal Democrats launched their local election manifesto today outside the City Chambers.

In the document called Building a Better Edinburgh, the Edinburgh LibDems claim that they have moved Edinburgh forward since 2007 and that they want to continue building a better city. They say that they have turned around the Council's finances, led the Council successfully through challenging times, listened to what residents want, and made Edinburgh a much better, safer, greener and more democratic place. Even though they have had to take tough decisions they claim to have always put the interests of Edinburgh first.

Speaking at the launch, Leader of Edinburgh LibDem Group, Jenny Dawe said:

“In 2007 we said a Liberal Democrat run Edinburgh Council would put residents first, listen to the needs of those in the city and deliver the high quality services that people wanted. Since then we have improved Edinburgh's environment, made life better for young people, the elderly and vulnerable, made Edinburgh safer, looked after the money wisely; tackled housing issues, helped Edinburgh remain resilient in the economic downturn, made Edinburgh more open in its dealing and improved Edinburgh's culture and leisure opportunities.



“We have a strong record of action for the communities we serve. We want to progress our vision of a better Edinburgh by continuing to invest in our children and our schools to ensure that every young person in Edinburgh has an equal opportunity

to reach their potential and that our most vulnerable and at risk children are safe, secure and thriving. We want to support Edinburgh's economic competitiveness, promoting growth and investment, and Edinburgh's festivals, events and cultural offering to build prosperity and quality of life for all residents. We want to improve care and protection for our increasing elderly population and our most vulnerable residents. We want to create a safer, cleaner, greener and more sustainable Edinburgh and to provide high-quality services, efficiently and effectively."

We spoke to Councillor Robert Aldridge who has been the Environment Convenor in the current administration to find out what the manifesto offers in those areas:-

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Scottish Liberal Democrat Leader Willie Rennie MSP said:

"Jenny Dawe and her Liberal Democrat colleagues have a proud record of action in Edinburgh. I'm impressed with their leadership of this council, their backbone when things got tough and their comprehensive knowledge of the city. They are local champions who stick up for their communities."

And you can read the Edinburgh LibDem manifesto in full for yourselves here:-

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We have [a comprehensive list of all council candidates standing for election on 3 May 2012](#). From the list which is grouped by Ward, you can click through to each individual candidate's profile and a copy of their election leaflet where we have been able to obtain these.