

SNP launch local government manifesto

Edinburgh SNP have today launched their manifesto for the upcoming council elections, with a commitment to put families and economic recovery at the heart of the Council's work.

They say that their key pledges include a commitment to immediately take forward vital roadworks at points of key strategic importance in the City, in order to make Edinburgh as an attractive a place to invest as possible, backed by an increased Road Maintenance budget of £20m. They point out that this contrasts with Edinburgh Labour's plan to have a moratorium on all roadworks in the City for two years, which they claim will choke off economic recovery.

The SNP will also put the city before politics by establishing a Consultative Board, made up of Group Leaders, to discuss issues of strategic importance to the City.

Other commitments include extending the Living Wage to all council employees, strengthening early years services by extending the range of programmes available to young people, and appointing a Care Champion to represent the interests of Carers across the City.

✘ Speaking at the launch, Edinburgh SNP Group Leader Councillor Steve Cardownie said:-

“Today we are launching our exciting policy platform for the great City of Edinburgh. This is the result of extensive consultation over the last few months with residents and it reflects their priorities.

“We know that economic recovery remains a top priority for everyone – that's why Edinburgh needs a Council that will work closely with the Scottish Government and other councils to

maximise our opportunities. We must keep building homes and improving our transport infrastructure – and these are at the heart of the SNP's plans.

“With the Council having come from the brink of financial collapse in 2007 to being on a sound financial footing today, Edinburgh SNP candidates have a strong track record to put forward on the doorsteps.

“We are very excited about the next few years ahead and the SNP will work tirelessly to ensure that this great City has the council leadership it deserves.”

We have a comprehensive guide to all council candidates by Ward with full profiles of each where possible. [You can read this here.](#)