

Changes to leadership of SNP group at City of Edinburgh Council



Changes have been made at the top of the SNP group on the council this evening, and since the group is in coalition with the Labour Group, the city has a new Council Deputy Leader.

Councillor Frank Ross has replaced Sandy Howat as their Group Leader at the group's AGM. Ross will now become 'Council Deputy Leader', following this week's Council Meeting on Thursday.



Council Leader –
Andrew Burns

The council leader, Councillor Andrew Burns said: “At a personal level, I've thoroughly enjoyed working with Sandy over the last 12-months, and wish him all the very best for the future.

“Internal political Group changes do happen, and the 'Edinburgh Labour' Group will continue to work constructively with the whole SNP Group on the Council – it's important to stress that the local Labour/SNP Coalition will continue, as we collectively understand the importance of continuity and stability for Scotland's great Capital City.

“And I do now look forward to working with Frank, as the Council Deputy Leader, and both of our respective Groups continue to have every intention of ensuring this unique Coalition remains in place right through to May 2017.

[Our Coalition-agreement](#) remains unchanged, and our focus remains on doing what is best for Edinburgh.”

Councillor Ross has been Economy Convener during this administration, and has been widely credited with bringing jobs and investment to Edinburgh.

