

# #GE2017 – Liberal Democrats pick their Edinburgh West candidate

Even before the votes are cast in the local council elections it is clear that the political heat over the General Election is being turned up with the Edinburgh West seat a particular target.

The seat was won by the SNP in the 2015 election with a majority of 3210 votes, but the Liberal Democrats' Mike Crockart had held it previously.

✘ Now Christine Jardine, who was thwarted in her bid to take the Gordon seat in 2015, losing it to Alex Salmond, has announced that she will stand in Edinburgh West in the General Election on 8 June 2017.

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Christine Jardine has been a journalist, broadcaster and university teacher. She has also been involved with the Liberal Democrats since 2009 and was Scotland Media Adviser in Downing Street during the coalition.

Christine Jardine said: "Edinburgh West deserves a MP that will put the local area first.

"I will aim to provide a first class service for the constituency just like Alex Cole-Hamilton has done at the Scottish Parliament. The SNP have failed the people of this constituency and now they have a chance to elect someone who will stand up for their interests.

"Edinburgh is a city that voted both strongly against independence and for the European Union. The people of

Edinburgh West deserve an MP that reflects those views and if elected I will passionately argue to keep Scotland at the heart of the UK and the UK at the heart of Europe.

“Every vote for me is a vote against independence and a vote for a better future.”