

Council Elections 2017 – Leith Ward



The current councillors for the Leith Ward are

Gordon Munro – Scottish Labour Party

Chas Booth – Scottish Green Party

Adam McVey – Scottish National Party (SNP)

The ward remains a three member ward and the candidates are :

BOOTH, Chas (Scottish Green Party)

DIJKSTRA-DOWNIE, Sanne (Scottish Liberal Democrats)

MCVEY, Adam (Scottish National Party (SNP))

MUNRO, Gordon John (Labour and Co-operative Party)

PENMAN, Paul (Scottish Conservative and Unionist)



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Chas Booth Green Party



Chas has been the Green councillor for Leith on City of Edinburgh Council since 2012. Since then he's worked hard for the area – fighting to protect vital community assets such as Leith Waterworld and Duncan Place Resource Centre; to give local people more say over local budgets; and to improve local schools and services.

On a city-wide basis Chas has pushed for improvements to Edinburgh's bin collection service, urged more robust action to tackle fly tipping and dog fouling, and sought to improve support for renewable energy and energy saving across the city.

But although he's proud of his many achievements, there's still a lot more work to do if we're to make Leith and Edinburgh a fairer, greener place.

In Leith [@CllrChasBooth](#) wants to have Trams and local accountability and another five year term as councillor. pic.twitter.com/qtvGoemW80

– Edinburgh Reporter (@EdinReporter) [May 2, 2017](#)

Sanne Dijkstra-Downie Liberal Democrats

Sanne said : “I am delighted to stand as the Scottish Liberal Democrat council candidate for the Leith ward.

“Scotland has been my home since 2002, and I have lived in north Edinburgh and Leith for over a decade. I work at the University of Edinburgh, where I help foster relationships

with supporters and alumni who fund student scholarships, research and facilities.

“I am married and have two small children, the oldest of whom will be starting primary school in August. As a working parent, I am well aware of the pressures that families face, and as your councillor I will work especially hard to support those families who are finding it difficult to cope. I know Leith to be a vibrant, diverse, compassionate and enterprising community. I recognise the tremendous contributions made by EU citizens who have chosen to make Leith their home, and as your councillor I would be proud to stand up for ALL Leithers.”

Adam McVey SNP



Adam has been Vice-Convener of Transport and Environment during the last administration.

He has a background in economics and law, elected an Edinburgh Councillor in 2012 having previously worked at a human rights charity and an investment charity. Adam is a director of Transport for Edinburgh, Changeworks and chairs the Council's energy company.

Gordon John Munro Labour



Gordon Munro has also just declared that he will stand in the upcoming General Election, but there was never any doubt that he would be standing in the council election. He is a hard-working local councillor who speaks from the heart (and has just joined Twitter!)

Gordon was first elected for the Harbour ward in 2003 winning back the seat from the SNP. Re-elected in 2007 for the new 3 member Leith Ward. He was Housing spokesperson from 2007-2010

and is currently the Culture and Leisure spokesperson as well as Group whip.

Paul Penman Conservative

Paul Penman has been selected by local Conservatives as the Scottish Conservative and Unionist candidate for Leith Ward in May's Local Government elections.

Paul was born in Edinburgh and attended Edinburgh University as well as completing a certificate in Legal Studies from the Open University. In 2011 Paul joined 148 Squadron, Royal Logistics Corps (V) and completed three six month tours in Afghanistan. He has worked in the hospitality sector in hotels in Edinburgh and now works on a part-time basis in the charitable heritage sector. He also sits on the Edinburgh Branch fundraising committee of the Order of St John of Jerusalem.

After his selection Paul said, "We need to put an end to the disastrous Labour/ SNP Administration which is ruining this City. If elected as one of Leith Ward's councillors I will fight at a local level to respect the result of the referendum and to bridge the divides between Unionist and Nationalist, as well as taking up local issues to make Leith a better place in which to live and work."

"I look forward to meeting as many local residents as possible as I make my way around the ward and chatting to you on the doorstep. Please don't hesitate to contact me about any issue or concern you may have."