

Council elections 2022 – Neil Ross – Morningside Ward

- Neil Ross
- Liberal Democrat candidate for Morningside Ward



Neil Ross near Braid Road in April 2021. PHOTO ©2021 The Edinburgh Reporter

I am a Chartered Accountant, having been in public practice in Edinburgh for over 30 years. I have been the Liberal Democrat spokesperson on Finance and sat on the council's Finance & Resources, Regulatory and Pensions Committees during the last administration.

My party's focus for this election campaign is standing up for Edinburgh.

We want a Council that gets the basics right, has the environment at its heart, gives children a world-class

education, listens and gives power to the people and delivers a fairer and more equal city. Personally I want to improve funding to local schools, make basic services fit for purpose, promote sustainable travel options in consultation with local residents and protect Midmar Paddock from unwanted development.

The Lib Dem group has held the SNP/Labour Council administration to account on the provision of basic services, the need for meaningful consultation with residents, particularly with regard to the Spaces for People project, and the desperate need for fair funding of the Council by The Scottish Government.

Our group has achieved a number of individual successes, for example on short term lets, extending garden waste collections, restrictions on the sale or use of fireworks, tackling crippling parking costs for carers, the funding of flood prevention measures and action on the regulation of amplified buskers and raising standards on HMOs.

I would add to that list my request for the Council to set up a trial of simplified zebra crossings for side streets. Although it is yet to be taken forward, it is now on the Council's agenda and, following my motion to full Council, the Transport Convener wrote to The Scottish Government to seek agreement in principle.

Scottish Liberal Democrats' 'six to fix' budget plan

STANDING UP FOR EDINBURGH



An extra £9 million to **fix the potholes, broken pavements and crumbling paths** which plague the city.



Reverse the SNP's cuts to local **primary and secondary school teacher budgets**.



A multi million pound improvement plan for our **parks and greenspaces**, and a rollout of new and upgraded **public toilets**.



Driving up **recycling** rates across the city, with expanded recycling centres and **scrapping the bulky uplift charge**.



A £2.5 million package of investment in **flood prevention**, including new money to finally **clear blocked gullies and drains**.



New investment in **police and CCTV** to target speeding vehicles and address anti-social behaviour.

