

Corstorphine/Murrayfield by election 2023 – Liberal Democrats confirm their candidate

Scottish Liberal Democrats have selected a former NHS nurse, Fiona Bennett, as their candidate for the Corstorphine / Murrayfield council by-election on 9 March.

The party is hoping to win this seat as they already have a large presence in the area at council and parliamentary levels.

The by-election on 9 March has been brought about by the resignation of the SNP councillor and former Lord Provost, Frank Ross who stood down last month.

Fiona Bennett is a former NHS nurse, specialising in mental health care. She has also led a volunteer campaigner for refugees and currently works as a senior caseworker for Scottish Liberal Democrat MP, Wendy Chamberlain. Ms Bennett lives in Edinburgh with her family. If elected, Fiona will join the existing Lib Dem councillors in the three member ward, Alan Beal and Euan Davidson who were both elected for the first time in 2022.

Fiona said: "I am delighted to have been chosen to stand in this by-election. The Liberal Democrats have such a strong track record of local service in Corstorphine and Murrayfield.

The huge increase in our vote during last year's election shows that people appreciate the year-round hard work and communication which only the Liberal Democrats provide locally.

"Whether it's fixing our broken roads and pavements, action on air pollution, measures to tackle flooding, or supporting local traders, there's so much to do. I'm looking forward to the campaign ahead and being out and about listening to local residents."

Christine Jardine MP for Edinburgh West said: "Fiona would be a fantastic councillor for Corstorphine and Murrayfield. I'm so pleased she has been chosen as our candidate.

"As a former NHS nurse, Fiona has a strong track record of service and understands the importance of helping people. Her voluntary work on refugees has shown her to be a powerful and committed campaigner. With all that energy and experience, I know she'll fight hard for local residents and form a strong team with existing councillors, Alan Beal and Euan Davidson.

"It's clear this by-election is a straight two horse race between the Liberal Democrats and the SNP. People have an important chance to send a message to the SNP which is slashing the funding of core local services at a time when our roads are a mess and our schools desperately need investment. By voting for Fiona and the Liberal Democrats, people in Corstorphine and Murrayfield can use this election to demand better."





Liberal Democrat photo call on Calton Hill with some local candidates and Alex Cole Hamilton ahead of the 2022 council elections PHOTO ©2022 The Edinburgh Reporter