

Findlay gets backing from Ruth Davidson

The Scottish Conservative leadership contest continues with Baroness Ruth Davidson lending her support to candidate Russell Findlay.

The former party leader said she will vote for Findlay in the upcoming ballot adding her name to an ever-growing list.

Mr Findlay said that he now has more support than any other candidate.



Baroness Ruth Davidson on a walkabout in Davidson's Mains with local candidate James Hill ahead of the 2022 council election
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Baroness Davidson, said: "Russell Findlay ticks all the right boxes. He became an MSP after a 30-year career working as a fearless and successful investigative journalist. That experience ensures he has the natural understanding of the concerns of mainstream voters which is an essential part of effective leadership.

"He speaks from the heart and has the strength of character necessary both to make the hard calls and to build, lead and motivate a winning team.

"Over the past weeks he has clearly demonstrated he has the ideas, deeply rooted in traditional Conservative values, which can provide that positive and uplifting vision for the future of our party and country.

"He has already won the support of every single sitting Scottish Conservative MP, 12 of his MSP colleagues from every corner of Scotland, and scores of councillors across the country.

"It's plain that with that unrivalled level of support from the party's elected representatives, and what I know from my own conversations with grassroots members to be wide backing amongst them, only Russell can truly unify the whole of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party.

"He's done what anyone serious about leading a political party must do – got out and about across the country, meeting members in their own communities and putting in the hard graft to earn their votes.

"When my ballot drops through the letterbox, Russell Findlay will have my vote. I am urging all my fellow members of the Scottish Conservative and Unionist Party to vote for him too."

Scottish Conservative leadership candidate, Russell Findlay MSP, said: "I'm thrilled to win Ruth's support. I hugely admire the tenacity and grit she displayed to lift our party

up, become the biggest opposition party in Scotland, and win over people who had never considered voting Conservative before.

“There is only one Ruth Davidson, but I’m determined to do what it takes to get our party back winning again.

“I’m not a career politician. I know how many people in the real world feel that Holyrood doesn’t represent them – and I’m putting forward common-sense Conservative policies to win those people over.

“I’m proud to have already gained the support of every Scottish Conservative MP, more MSPs than any other candidate, dozens of councillors and grassroots supporters across Scotland.

“If party members elect me, I’ll stand up for Conservative values of aspiration, opportunity, decency and the rule of law.”



Conservative MSP Russell Findlay

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