

Breaking news – new LibDem councillor resigns

In a shock move, new Liberal Democrat councillor, Louise Spence, has resigned “for personal reasons” just a week after being elected.

The win by Ms Spence was heralded by LibDem leader, Alex Cole Hamilton MSP as a new surge for the party when she was returned to the 63 strong council with a sizeable majority.

The Edinburgh Reporter understands that Ms Spence’s home is on the market for sale, and that may have been a recent decision.

The council will now have to hold next month’s by election to elect two new councillors and not just one as we reported earlier this week when Marco Biagi resigned to become a special adviser with The Scottish Government. [Read more here.](#)

Each by-election costs the council around £80,000 in printing and staffing costs.

