

Edinburgh councillor to stand for selection as Scottish parliamentary candidate

Kate Campbell has announced she will stand for selection as SNP candidate in the Scottish parliamentary election next year in the Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent constituency.

Ms Campbell became involved in the SNP ahead of the 2014 independence referendum and was first elected to the city council in 2017.

She has held several positions including Housing, Homelessness and Fair Work Convener.

She said: "I'm excited to announce that I'm putting myself forward for selection to become the SNP candidate for Edinburgh Eastern, Musselburgh and Tranent. The next Holyrood elections will be critical to our journey towards independence and we need make sure we have a strong cohort of MSPs who will fight for our right to decide our own future.

"And with the damaging decisions being made at Westminster, punching down on some of the most vulnerable groups of people, we need MSPs who will do everything they can to prevent the harm being done by the Labour party to ordinary people in Scotland.

"I already represent a big chunk of the constituency, and I

absolutely love the part of East Lothian that is being joined up with my council ward of Portobello Craigmillar – it's an area I spend a lot of time in, usually going for long walks – so I was actually delighted when I saw the boundary changes – it's a constituency I love and it would be privileged to represent.

“I also know that there have been a lot of prominent female MSPs standing down, and it's vital that lots of new female MSPs come forward – it was a big incentive for me when weighing up whether to stand.”

The nomination period for SNP candidates begins on Monday 17 March with ballots due to go out to local members on the 21 April. The deadline for members to submit a vote is 5 May.

