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**SCOTTISH GREENS LOCAL ELECTION MANIFESTO 2022
DUNDEE CITY**

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Many of the challenges we face are global, but we know that solutions can and must be delivered at a local level. Last summer, the Scottish Greens made history by becoming the first Greens to enter central government in UK history.

Action by the Scottish Greens has already led to free bus travel for young people, unprecedented action on single-use plastics and record investments in recycling, nature restoration and active travel.

Now, more than ever, we need to empower our councils to carry on this work for our communities. Green Councillors across Scotland have made a real difference already, opposing destructive developments, leading local authority action on the climate emergency and saving vital local assets like libraries and swimming pools.

This election is an opportunity for Scottish Green Councillors to play an even bigger role, entering councils that have never benefited from a Green voice before and leading change across Scotland.

Councils have a crucial role to play in addressing the local impact of the climate and economic crises. The pandemic has shown us that global events can have a very profound local impact, but it has also shown us the differences communities can make when we work together to tackle the big challenges we face. We must continue that spirit and cooperation to deal with the climate and economic crises.

Scottish Greens are committed to empowering local authorities to meet the needs of their communities. That is why our MSPs in the Scottish Parliament have secured new powers for councils, new money for active travel and recycling, and the biggest increase in funding for teacher recruitment in a generation.

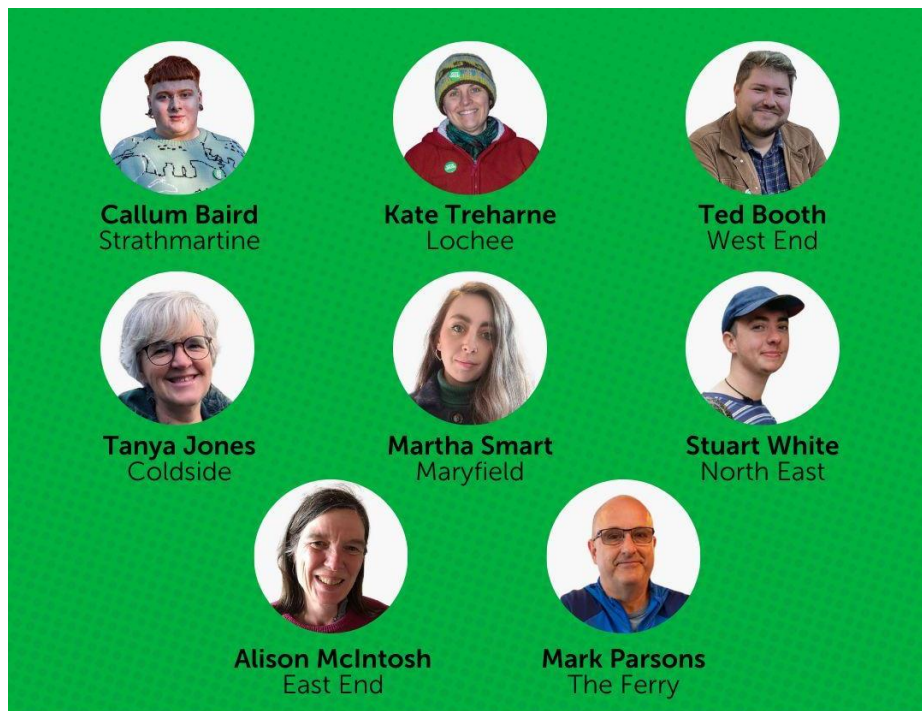
By electing Green Councillors to Council Chambers across Scotland you can change how your council works. Electing a Green Councillor by giving them your first preference vote is the best way to make your council one that supports you and your community to create a better place in a better world.



OUR SAFER CITY: A GREEN MANIFESTO FOR DUNDEE

As Scottish Green councillors, we will boldly speak and work for a city of Dundee that is:

- ✓ A safe place to grow up in
- ✓ A safe place to move around in
- ✓ A safe place for nature
- ✓ A safe place for everyone



A SAFE PLACE TO GROW UP IN

In a world of increasing inequality, climate change and loss of natural resources, our children deserve the best possible start. We want to see them enjoy their childhoods, thrive physically and emotionally, grow strong, kind and ready to face the challenges which the future will bring. We will focus on building a city for them, one where they will be safe:

AT HOME

- Warm, well-insulated homes, with action to help families affected by fuel poverty
- Dry, well-maintained homes, with landlords keeping rented homes in good repair
- Secure and affordable homes, with controlled rents, tenants' rights to redecorate and keep family pets and responsible and accountable letting agents
- Peaceful homes, with support for children and adults affected by domestic abuse
- Homes for all, with a housing first approach to homelessness, empty homes brought into use, a vacant land levy and new social rented homes built as a matter of urgency
- Homes where decisions are made by those who live there, in housing co-operatives and shared management schemes
- New, affordable, energy-efficient homes ready for the future, built to sustainable building regulation standards with easy connections to local services

We support the conclusions of the Shelter March 2022 analysis of Dundee's social housing needs and its urgent call for effective action to bridge the delivery gap.

During the pandemic, Green councillors worked hard to protect tenants at risk of eviction. In Edinburgh, councillors worked with other parties to secure a two-year rent freeze. On top of this, they also managed to suspend action against tenants whose rent was in arrears, saving many tenants from eviction and potential homelessness. In Glasgow, Green councillors were able to get the city to declare a rent crisis and set up a tenant-led commission to take the lead on reforming the private rental system in the city.

LEARNING

- School and nursery education that equips children with the essential skills they need
- Support for all children and young people, alternative provision for those who need it, and inclusive learning to model a kinder community
- Appropriate class sizes and enough teachers and support staff to meet all children's needs
- Flexible free childcare for all who need it
- Practical, emotional and financial support for young carers
- Creativity, critical thinking and opportunities to develop prioritised over standardised testing
- Robust outdoor learning, to discover the natural world and how to protect it
- Education about climate change, ecosystems, sustainability and practical gardening and cooking skills
- Support for all school leavers to choose further study, apprenticeship or work
- Safe active travel routes including school streets that normalise walking, cycling or wheeling to college, school and nursery.
- Comfortable, efficient, well-ventilated and covid-safe buildings
- Well-resourced libraries in schools and communities, supporting lifelong learning
- Nursery and school staff rewarded with improved conditions, pay and professional development
- A broadband action plan to tackle digital exclusion
- If school uniform is used, ensuring that it is inexpensive, does not discriminate and that re-use schemes are available

Green councillors have fought hard to protect funding to support teachers and pupils. In Glasgow, the Green group of seven councillors managed to prevent cuts to numbers of teachers and support staff – ensuring that class sizes are not increased. They were also able to expand free school meals to an additional 40,000 children.

Children in the UK currently start formal schooling earlier than in nearly every other country in Western Europe. Evidence shows that young children actually learn better if they are allowed to spend longer in nursery-style education, learning

by games and activities rather than from the blackboard.

In Scotland, Greens in Holyrood have successfully pushed to allow parents to defer their children's entry into P1 while retaining access to government funded nursery education to enable their children extra time if they need it, but this funding will not be available nationally until 2023. In Edinburgh, Green councillors were able to close the gap by securing council funding for P1 deferrals for the two years leading up to when Scottish government funding commences.

BREATHING

- A city where dangerous air pollution near homes and schools is a thing of the past
- Where the effects of air pollution on health, crime and educational attainment are understood and fully addressed
- Ambitious and effective low-emission zones, following international best practice
- 20mph speed limits in residential areas and a ban on idling engines
- Play streets and low traffic neighbourhoods designed and developed by local residents

Children are especially vulnerable to air pollution, with pollution from cars having the potential to cause irreversible damage to their developing lungs, according to UNICEF's report "The Toxic School Run". In Glasgow, Green councillors were able to win action to restrict traffic around schools, creating car free zones at key times. Councillors in Glasgow and Edinburgh have also organised "bike buses", helping children to safely cycle to school by travelling in large, regular groups.

GROWING UP, GROWING STRONG

- Council support for local food production, in gardens, parks, schools and allotments
- An end to food deserts, with healthy affordable and delicious food available to all
- An end to stigma and shame about food poverty
- Opportunities for young and old to learn basic gardening and cooking skills
- Healthy and tasty school meals available to all, with income maximisation support in schools

- Accessible community larders and fridges supported to open for longer hours
- A 'veg belt' around the city, providing fresh and healthy foods for Dundee's children

In Glasgow, Green councillors were able to spearhead action to increase opportunities for food growing in the city. Glasgow has now created over 250 new plots for urban agriculture.

FACING THE FUTURE

- Recognising that climate change is the greatest challenge and threat our children's generation will face
- With climate action and climate justice at the heart of everything the council does
- Divestment of pensions from nuclear weapons, fossil fuels and the arms trade
- Equipping young people with the skills and confidence they need for creative and rewarding work, positive and healthy relationships, safety and wellbeing in this rapidly changing world

We call for an honest assessment of the city's success in implementing the A Fair Way To Go report and urgent action on achieving those recommendations which are still unmet

Many have been inspired by the "Fridays for Future" movement of school climate strikers. In Edinburgh, Green councillors secured authorised absence from school for those participating in youth climate strikes so that they can make their voice heard in the call for change. One key demand of the movement is a global treaty to end the use of fossil fuels. The Fossil Fuel Non-Proliferation Treaty is a global initiative which is open to both individuals and organisations to sign. Green councillors succeeded in getting Edinburgh City Council to endorse it – a powerful symbol of commitment to a liveable future for our planet.

A SAFE PLACE TO MOVE AROUND IN

A city is for people first, not for cars. We want to see Dundee become a place where everyone can travel easily, cheaply, safely and comfortably to wherever they need to go, whenever they need to be there. We want to see active and public modes of transport working together, following the examples of the best and greenest cities across the world. We will campaign and work for:

WALKERS AND WHEELERS WELCOME

- Pedestrians and people using wheelchairs prioritised across the city, with a comprehensive city-wide network of pleasant and protected footpaths
- Walking, wheeling and cycling all made easier, with 10-20% of transport budgets used for their needs
- City-wide improvement of pedestrian facilities especially narrow and damaged pavements
- More dropped kerbs, beginning with areas around schools and district centres
- Continuous footways to give pedestrians priority at appropriate junctions
- More pedestrianised streets in city and district centres
- 15-minute neighbourhoods with essential shops and services in easy walking distance
- Pedestrian crossings that respond quickly, allow sufficient time to cross and do not leave vulnerable users waiting on traffic islands
- Full maintenance including winter gritting of all active travel routes
- Creative solutions to make Dundee's steep hills easier for active travellers

When the pavement is obstructed by cars mounting the kerb, discarded furniture and the like, it may seem a minor inconvenience for some. For those reliant on wheelchairs and mobility aids, however, having to move off the pavement headlong into traffic in order to avoid the obstacle is both frightening and dangerous. In Edinburgh, Green councillors have pushed for a change in policy regarding the sale of goods on the pavement, helping to keep city streets available for all to walk or wheel freely upon.

CYCLING FOR ALL

- A city-wide high quality and Cycling to Design standard cycling network, segregated from both motor traffic and pedestrians
- Integration of the cycling network with high quality public transport and with local services, schools, shops and workplaces
- Responsible traffic-calming measures that don't push cyclists into the stream of traffic
- High-quality secure cycle storage at work and homes, especially for people who live in flats; and in the city centre, including efficient bike hangars where appropriate
- Affordable cycle hire and charging points throughout the city, not just in the centre, with space to carry bags and shopping and connections with public transport
- Reignition of the abandoned northern links project and use of local cycling expertise
- Cycle lifts for hill town and the conchie

We support the Dundee Cycling Forum manifesto for a city that puts people first, supporting and enabling active travel.

During lockdown, Sustrans' Spaces for People scheme enabled councils in Scotland to introduce temporary measures to make cities more hospitable for people to walk, wheel and cycle around in them. One example is Dundee's Union Street, which has been pedestrianised under the scheme. In Glasgow, Green councillors successfully pushed for all new cycle routes created under Spaces for People to be made permanent, significantly improving the city's cycling infrastructure.

One major reason why cycling rates are lower than they might be is lack of facilities for storing bikes. In Edinburgh, Green councillors have helped tackle this by pushing for new developments to have high-quality cycle storage, and for the council to publish technical guidance to ensure developers know how to do this. They have also fought to remove the red tape associated with installing bike sheds in front or back gardens.

PUBLIC TRANSPORT

- Buses brought back into public control, focusing on service rather than profit
- Frequent, comfortable, covid-safe and low-carbon buses, free or at low cost
- Easy availability of wheelchair, cycle and pushchair access and storage on public transport
- Flexible bus services that meet people's real needs, e.g. A return of the blether bus
- Appropriately sited, properly planned park and ride facilities for journeys into Dundee that have to include an element of car travel
- Exploration of innovative train, tram and urban cable car options for the city

In council, Greens have fought hard to retain vital community transport services. One example is Orkney council, where Scottish Green councillor Steve Shankey succeeded in securing an extra £5.5, for ferry funding, which saved cuts to vital public services elsewhere in Orkney at the time.

SAFER STREETS

- Co-production with stakeholders, experts and the third sector of a sustainable travel and transport vision for Dundee, and practical action to achieve its aims
- Fixing existing roads rather than building unnecessary and polluting new ones
- Use of the most up-to-date street design document (currently Designing Streets)
- Effective low emission zones following international best practice
- 20mph default speed limits on residential streets enforced by appropriate measures
- Reduction of 40mph speed limits to 30mph within the city
- Action on dangerous parking of motor vehicles on pavements
- Safe, healthy and practical car-free neighbourhoods for those who prefer them
- Appropriate workplace parking levies with the revenue used to improve active and public transport, possibly including free bus passes for public employees

- Electric car hire schemes that cover the whole city, not just particular areas, so people don't need to own a car in order to make their journeys
- Council expense systems that encourage the use of active and public transport rather than private cars, especially within the Kingsway
- Solutions to problematic commuter and football match parking in residential streets

In Edinburgh, Green councillors succeeded in changing the process for road resurfacing to ensure footway widening and segregated infrastructure would be considered by all projects – this has already resulted in the creation of new cycle path infrastructure.

HOLIDAY AND LEISURE TRAVEL

- Dundee and its surrounding countryside supported as a sustainable holiday destination
- protection of Dundee's priceless cultural heritage
- visitors encouraged to arrive by train, not polluting private planes
- prioritised and safe pedestrian and cycle access between the city centre and Waterfront including reduced speed limits
- discounted local access to regional rail travel, tourist attractions, events and festivals

Green councillors in Edinburgh have worked hard to ensure that local people as well as tourists are able to enjoy opportunities for recreation in the city. Among their achievements were securing £100,000 to secure the future of the much-loved Gorgie City Farm, and to stop a plan to charge junior sports clubs up to 250% more for using school facilities at the weekend and evenings. They also passed a motion for "Greening the Fringe", to reduce the reliance of the festival on gas power and single use plastics.

A SAFE PLACE FOR NATURE

For us, the climate and nature emergencies are exactly that – situations of crisis that need urgent, serious and courageous action. We will draw on the experience of our global Green sister parties in creating sustainable cities like Freiburg, places where people and nature thrive together. Dundee has the potential to be a truly green city, ready for the challenges of the future, part of the solution, not the problem.

BIODIVERSITY

- A council that prioritises its duty to protect and enhance biodiversity throughout the city, with genuine understanding and the political will actively to redress past mistakes
- A community engagement campaign and training for council staff to encourage awareness of Dundee's wildlife and its needs
- An end to chemical spraying in parks, verges and other green areas, except where absolutely necessary e.g. To tackle invasive species, with any use of chemicals recorded and reported
- Less frequent mowing of public green spaces except on playing fields, instead using cut & lift techniques to benefit birds, wildflowers, butterflies, bees and carbon capture
- Action on light pollution, especially flashing lights which damage both biodiversity and human wellbeing
- Extensive planting of trees and native plants, not just small token areas
- Creation of wildlife corridors between green spaces
- Wind turbines with simple adaptations to protect wild birds
- Rewilding for under-used areas including golf courses
- Protection of red squirrels in Dundee, in public spaces and private gardens
- Help for Dundonians to protect and enhance biodiversity in their own gardens, allotments and houses including schemes to advise on and provide swift, bat and bee boxes

Green spaces in urban areas can be vital refuges for wildlife, and we're proud that Dundee has more urban green space per head of population than any other city in the UK. This is a resource to cherish – but so much more can be done. In Edinburgh, Green councillors have continually pushed to enhance the natural environment of the city. Their push for more tree planting culminated in Edinburgh announcing its ambitious "million tree city" programme. They have also fought to reduce pesticide use and have succeeded in securing a trial pesticide free area.

CLIMATE CHANGE

- Prioritising the climate and ecological emergencies in both policy and implementation
- Climate justice at the heart of all Dundee's climate action
- A serious and just transition away from fossil fuels, with support for its workers and users
- Public communication about climate change, climate justice and climate action
- Recognition of the co-benefits of climate action in improved air quality, health and wellbeing
- Requirements for carbon calculations and assessments of all proposed developments
- Effective, transparent and clear carbon budgeting
- High energy standards required for all new houses and commercial developments
- Holistic support for grassroots groups doing community climate engagement and carbon reduction work
- Effective investment in natural flood management to address increasing risks
- Small-scale and community-owned renewable energy including pv solar and mini-hydro, so that Dundonians can benefit from the burns that once powered the textile industry
- Effective action on the creation of heat networks in Dundee
- Divestment from fossil fuels by Dundee city council and the Tayside pension fund, with encouragement and support for other local organisations and businesses to do the same

Wherever they have been elected, Green councillors have led the way on setting tough targets for climate action and holding councils to achieving them. Scottish Green Councillor Pippa Hadley was instrumental in getting Highland Council to declare a Climate and Ecological Emergency and set the aim to be carbon neutral by 2025. Since then, the Council has really ramped up its carbon reduction and has cut its emissions by 42%. Pippa has also worked with the Pension Investment Chair and won agreement for a new Responsible Investment Statement in policy, which includes divestment from fossil fuels in the widest sense and will lead to being neutral for carbon by 2050.

GREEN SPACES FOR PEOPLE

- High-quality maintenance of all Dundee's green spaces, not only its largest and most famous parks, with derelict land used in creative ways that directly benefit the local community
- Close working with community groups to plan and implement appropriate management of parks and green spaces to maximise biodiversity
- Active support for communities to buy and run local parks and facilities under the Community Empowerment Act, especially where they might otherwise be closed or sold to private buyers
- Arable land supporting a rich mix of food varieties in place of barley monoculture for whisky production
- Native and orchard tree planting to offset storm damage
- Green buffers of wildflower space in front of retail park units
- Citizen Science projects where communities can work together to learn and share knowledge
- Accessible public seating, play and exercise equipment to make our parks work for everyone
- Free family and children's activities in Dundee's parks, building networks of support and friendship
- Outdoor sporting and leisure activities for men, with trained mental health support available

In 2018, plans were put in place to hand over much of Edinburgh's iconic Princes Street Gardens to an 'arm's length' company. Green councillors helped to lead the revolt against this measure, ensuring that the plan did not go ahead

and that Princes Street Gardens will remain as a common good asset under council control. They also secured a review of neglected green spaces in the city.

PLANNING, POLICIES AND PROJECTS

- Understanding that good planning is a public service, working for the whole community
- Transparent and accountable planning processes that inform, involve and listen to local voices
- High level council-wide commitment to climate and biodiversity action plans, with all policies judged according to how they meet these targets and priorities
- Robust and profound city-wide climate, biodiversity, energy and resource impact assessments for all proposals being considered by the council
- Close attention to climate aspects of planning applications, including tree and green space protection and facilitation of active and public transport
- Decisions that protect green and open spaces, with brownfield development wherever possible
- High expectations of all new developments to meet climate and sustainability targets

Dundee City Council has recently approved a string of applications for drive-through food outlets. This is a backwards looking move at a time when it is vital to reduce pollution, traffic, and reliance on cars to get around. In Glasgow, Green councillors have staunchly opposed car-centric developments. Glasgow is now close to being the first city in the UK to ban all new drive-throughs. In Edinburgh, councillors secured an agreement that all councillors on the Council's planning committee undergo carbon literacy training – equipping them to take proper account of climate impacts when thinking about new developments.

WASTE

- A zero-waste policy for Dundee, with no polluting large scale incineration of waste
- Efficient and easily available recycling, reusing and composting services
- Rapid responses to overflowing bins and missed collections

- Help for local businesses to reduce packaging, with training workshops on sustainability and no single use takeaway cups, lids etc.
- Active and effective action on fly-tipping
- Promotion of repair, reuse and upcycling, working with social enterprises and small local businesses
- Active campaigns to promote recycling and improve the sorting of household waste, to reduce consumption and tackle the huge current shortfall in meeting recycling targets
- Recycling and food waste bins for all houses and flats, and community compost sites
- Easy to use recycling bins across Dundee including in the city centre



A SAFE PLACE FOR EVERYONE

Dundee is rightly proud of its history as a radical city, challenging exclusion, prejudice and injustice. It is made up of many vibrant and individual geographical communities, each of which has its own strengths and challenges, each of which is made up of people who are the experts in their own lives. We want to answer the questions, 'What is community for? What is the council for?' with the clear answer – it is for you.

COMMUNITIES IN COMMON

- Recognition that communities belong to their residents, not to big business
- Celebration of the strengths of Dundee's communities, and support to help them grow
- Dundee as a genuinely inclusive place for all, welcoming and supportive
- Infrastructure and resources to enable community regeneration forums to achieve transformational change
- Support for communities facing threats to their facilities, green spaces and common places
- Libraries and post offices as community hubs, places to meet, learn and care for one another
- Imaginative and compassionate support to help isolated people become more connected to their communities
- Quality shops and facilities in all Dundee's retail areas, including in and around the Wellgate
- Free public toilets in all shopping centres and available day and night across the city
- Community coffee mornings and gatherings in city centre churches and public venues
- Use of empty buildings as community centres with overnight, cooking and address facilities

LOCAL DEMOCRACY

- Participatory budgets with involvement by a wide range of local people
- Prompt and complete information about council and committee meetings and proposals
- Peoples' assemblies and other spaces and tools for local people to discuss and make decisions about their own communities

- A Dundee-wide citizens' assembly to envision and lead on the city's essential climate action
- Gender budgeting in all council budget processes, recognising the disproportionate effects of the pandemic upon women
- Transparent and value-for-money procurement decisions that recognise expertise and give local businesses and third-sector organisations the opportunity to tender for local projects
- Improved communication between the council and communities

Empowering communities is at the centre of Green thought, and Green councillors have a long track record of championing communities' right to decide. In Edinburgh, councillors have pushed for the expansion of participatory budgeting schemes like the highly successful Leith Chooses, and have won a comprehensive review of the city's Licensing Forum, ensuring city-wide public representation to provide a strong voice for community views on alcohol licensing. In Glasgow, following community-led campaigns, Green councillors secured the reopening of libraries, museums and venues.

SAFETY AND SOLIDARITY

- Effective help for those at risk of homelessness including good quality, affordable and secure temporary accommodation with appropriate facilities for families, couples and single people
- Support services for refugees and asylum seekers which recognise the trauma they have experienced and build community networks of welcome, integration and care
- Safeguarding refugees against the effects of the proposed UK nationality and borders bill, with a protective firewall between public services and immigration enforcement
- Strengthening of Dundee's twinning links with Nablus in Palestine
- Support to access legal aid including for housing and immigration advice and representation
- Policing that genuinely serves the community
- Sensitive support for communities living in the vicinity of prisons and police stations
- A quality criminal social worker service with a focus on prevention of crime and on responses that meet the needs of victims, of communities and of those who have committed offences
- Sustainable funding, using a full cost recovery model, for third sector organisations that support survivors of domestic abuse and sexual violence, using a trauma-informed approach including sensitive care for staff and volunteers
- Local implementation of the equally safe at work initiative
- Protection of the rights of all to access facilities appropriate to their lived gender
- A safe taxi scheme for the whole community to complement public transport services
- Security/concierge services that protect and enhance the safety and wellbeing of people living in blocks of flats, including addressing problems of anti-social behaviour
- Urgent attention to unsafe and derelict sites which pose dangerous risks, especially to children

In Glasgow, Greens on the Council have fought hard to protect the vulnerable from the impacts of austerity, reversing cuts to Citizen's Advice centres and women's aid organisations, and winning £5m for anti-poverty work targeted at those who need it most. In Edinburgh, councillors achieved a commitment to welcome refugees and assist EU citizens applying for settled status. They also introduced the Council to the advocacy organisation "Close the Gap" and began working with them on actions to help close the gender pay gap in Edinburgh.

CARE AND HEALTH

- Support, recognition and improved conditions for both paid and unpaid carers
- Multi-faceted support for residents and staff of sheltered housing complexes
- Rapid response care teams and excellent respite care
- Fair and comprehensive implementation of the national care service
- Partnerships with local disabled people's and user-led organisations
- Community based mental health support available at all times

- Co-ordinated, caring and non-judgemental services to help people with addiction problems
- Close community approaches to addiction support, with integrated working between public and third-party sectors and opportunities for effective mentorship
- Implementation of best practice guidance to provide facilities such as safe consumption rooms to reduce the risk of overdose and death
- Recognition that drug and alcohol problems have complex root causes including inequality and poverty, with public health-based action to tackle underlying injustices
- Community canteens with healthy affordable food and opportunities for conversations and neighbourhood cohesion.

We welcome the March 2022 Report of the Dundee Drugs Commission, support its conclusions, and urge the urgent implementation of its twelve key recommendations, with the benefit of external scrutiny and expertise and in an environment of kindness, compassion and hope.

Without the incredible work of carers, Scotland would grind to a halt. And yet carers are shamefully often underpaid and exploited. Greens on Edinburgh Council have worked to ensure that care workers provided by external contractors are paid the living wage. In Glasgow, they secured a 10% increase in the carer's allowance for those who foster. Greens in Edinburgh have also secured to adoption by the Council of John's campaign, ensuring that in hospitals and care homes families and carers of those suffering from dementia have access to their loved ones and are involved in decisions about their care.

BUSINESS AS BETTER THAN USUAL

- Serious green jobs in renewable energy, energy efficiency, recycling and in creative and care sectors
- A comprehensive retrofitting programme throughout the city, providing quality work for local people and addressing fuel poverty with insulation, sustainable heating and pv solar.
- Procurement policies that help local businesses to tender for local contracts
- Effective local implementation of the living wage and fair working practices

- Encouragement via procurement practices for businesses to ensure decent jobs, environmental responsibility and ethical behaviour including support for fair trade
- A focus on the wellbeing economy and on building healthy, vibrant neighbourhoods with local businesses including shops and post offices
- Support for new businesses, social enterprises, co-operatives, employee-owned businesses and community wealth building projects
- Support for businesses that are genuinely low carbon, with a robust assessment scheme
- Credit unions and responsible local banking services, providing a fair alternative to payday lending
- Training and support for people working in declining industries
- Dock developments that protect the Tay estuary and its precious ecosystems, ensuring that 'decommissioning' means just that
- Craft fairs to support small businesses and student artists

A narrow understanding of economic growth focused only on short term changes in GDP has left us with communities suffering from widespread misery and deprivation and a planet in crisis. In Edinburgh, Greens on the Council have been able to insert environmental and green principles into an economic strategy that was originally focused only on growth, as well as a requirement to take account of wellbeing measures so that the prosperity of the city works for all.

Scottish Greens are delivering real action across Scotland, with free bus travel for everyone under 22, record funding for cycling and walking, the biggest recruitment of teachers and school staff for 15 years, funding to improve pandemic safety in schools, record investment in recovering nature and wildlife habitats, and a ban on the worst non-recyclable single-use plastics.

In Glasgow, Edinburgh and in rural Scotland, Scottish Green Councillors are demanding, and achieving, real action on homelessness and tenants' rights, local food growing, recycling, active and public transport, support for refugees and, of course, on the climate and nature emergencies.

We can demand the same for Dundee. Your Scottish Green councillors are ready to be your

voice in the city chamber, challenging the council to be bold, transparent and effective. We will boldly speak for a city of Dundee that is a safe place to grow up, a safe place to move around in, a safe place for nature and a safe place for all.

Wherever you are in Dundee, this year you have a Scottish Greens candidate, delivering for your community. Across the city, you can think global and act local, giving your first preference vote to your local representative, pictured below.



Only the Scottish Greens understand that the climate and nature emergencies need urgent action by governments, by businesses and in our communities. We have proved that we can provide leadership in Scotland to tackle poverty and the climate emergency. Giving the Scottish Greens your first preference vote will build our leadership in your local council too.

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