

Scottish Green Party Local Authority Manifesto 2017



We are the Scottish Green Party and you can vote for us in the **Scottish Local Elections** in May. This is our **manifesto**.



We have written down all the issues we think are important and would like to tell you about – this is known as a **manifesto**.



The **Scottish Local Elections** is where people vote for who they want to be on their local council.

The local council make decisions about things that affect people where you live.



We think that it is important that local Councils have the money they need to run their services.



We believe that everyone should have the chance to have their say in what happens in their community and about the decisions made that affect their lives.



We will do this in 3 ways:

- **By protecting services**



We believe all the services in our community run by councils such as schools, transport and care services are very important and make our neighbourhoods better places to live in. These services should have the money and support they need to do a good job.



We will give you much more say. This will be done by local community members deciding together how the council spends some of its money.



We will keep the council in charge of schools but give pupils, parents and teachers a say in how the schools are run and what the school's money should be spent on.



We will improve conditions for nursery staff so that children should have the best early education in nurseries.



We plan to make sure that every young person leaving school will have the chance to work, train for a job or study further if they choose to.



Social care staff and unpaid carers do an important job, we will work to make sure there is better pay, good working conditions and support when needed for all carers.



We will help people claim the social security benefits they are entitled to by setting up services that will help them to do this.



We believe that everyone should be treated fairly and equally. We will work towards making sure that people in our communities are not treated differently or unfairly because of things like having a disability, their sexuality age or gender.



The things we throw out has a very damaging effect on the Earth. We will work for a zero-waste Scotland by helping people reduce the things they throw out and making recycling easier for everyone.

- **By connecting People**



We think it is important for people to connect with each other and be a part of their community.



We will work to get cheaper and more frequent bus services.



We will have a broadband action plan that will help people be connected better online.



We believe local leisure centres should be accessible and affordable for everyone to use, we will work towards making this happen.

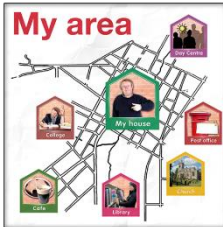


We want to encourage more shops and post offices in local high streets which provides money into our communities and brings people together.



We think councils should spend more money on new and safer routes for people to walk or cycle on, including paths separated from roads.

- **By building communities**



We believe councils should build our communities to make sure that its people can earn and spend their money locally, feel safe, get on well with each other and enjoy where they live.



We think green spaces such as parks and woodlands are important for people to enjoy. We want to protect the green spaces in our communities from being built on.



We will help local groups have their say on the things that happen in their community.



We think that everyone has the right to live in good quality homes that they can afford to heat. We will work to make rent cheaper and reduce fuel bills.



We will work with the police and neighbourhoods to help prevent anti-social behaviour and build stronger and happier communities.



This document explains many of the things that the Scottish Green Party says it would do if we get elected in the 2017 Local Elections.



You can find out more information about the Scottish Green Party and our Manifesto on our website:

www.greens.scot



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