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Robin Harper,
Green MSP
for Lothian

*Your Voice on
the Council*



Alison Johnstone,
lead Green candidate
for Lothian in 2011
& Green Councillor
for Meadows and
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Greens – the only alternative!

Greens in Edinburgh have launched their campaign for the Scottish Parliament, by urging voters to back an alternative to politics as usual.

Top candidate, Alison Johnstone, who is bidding to succeed Robin Harper as Green MSP for Lothian, said: "There's never been a more important time for a Green alternative. We are witnessing an astonishing assault on public services: ideology wrapped in a cloak of financial necessity. Yet all so-called main parties accept this as inevitable.

"There's an utterly naïve view that the private sector will grow to fill the space left by public sector cuts.

But will it? And what kind of economy will we see in its place? One characterised by "McJobs", feeding on high consumption, waste-today-forget-tomorrow?

"That's no kind of policy at all. Not for people and not for the planet. We need a thriving public sector working with a responsible private sector to make genuine long term choices for Scotland – on housing, transport, education, on energy provision and the sweep of policy.

"That's the alternative Greens offer. And that's why I believe that tens of thousands of voters will back us with their second vote."

Follow Alison's campaign on Twitter @AlisonJohnstone

First Green MP backs Alison Johnstone for Parliament

The UK's first Green MP, Caroline Lucas, has paid tribute to retiring MSP Robin Harper and backed Alison Johnstone as his would-be successor in the Scottish Parliament.

Caroline said that Robin had been a breath of fresh air when first elected as MSP in 1999 and added:

"I was hugely impressed by Alison when I met her recently in Edinburgh. She shares my own conviction that social justice and environmental



protection go hand in hand. I look forward to welcoming Alison to that growing band of Greens who are elected to fight for a greener and fairer world."

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Contact your local Greens

Meadows and Morningside Green Team is made up of Scottish Green Party members and other community-minded people in the area stretching from Lauriston Place to the Braid Hills.

You can contact us at MeadandMorn@edinburghgreens.org.uk

Or write to us at 37 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh EH10 5QS

You can also contact your Green MSP, Robin Harper on robin@edinburghgreens.org.uk or 0131 348 5000 and

Councillor Alison Johnstone on alison.johnstone@edinburgh.gov.uk or 0131 529 3291

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Local Greens slam cuts to schools budgets

Meadows and Morningside Greens have hit out at proposed cuts to schools budgets which they say will affect all primary, secondary and special schools in the area and across the city.

Green Education spokesperson, Councillor Alison Johnstone said:

“Schools simply can’t take further cuts. Our schools need greater

investment, not reduced budgets. It doesn’t have to be this way.

Too many of our schools are in poor condition. Instead of cutting budgets the Government should be seeking to raise investment, through taxing the super-rich who caused the financial mess in the first place, by clamping down on big companies’ tax evasion and through a fairer form of local taxation.”

Green MSP candidate praises community action on local environment

Alison Johnstone, local Green Councillor and candidate for the Scottish Parliament, has hailed the work of groups working to improve the local environment and pledged to seek more backing for them.

Alison said: “From the Royal Edinburgh Community Garden, the Bike Station, to Tollcross Energy and Carbon Saving and Transition Edinburgh South, we are very

fortunate to have dedicated groups of volunteers and not-for-profit organisations working for our area.

“In the current parliament Green MSPs secured a “Climate Challenge Fund” worth over £37 million to support these local environmental projects and many more like them across Scotland. I will seek to ensure that backing continues if elected as your Green MSP.

Can you help us with the election campaign?

Can you help with our campaigns? Is there an issue that affects where you live? Contact us at MeadandMorn@edinburghgreens.org.uk or at 37 Comiston Drive, Edinburgh EH10 5QS.

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- I'd like to make a donation to **Edinburgh Green Party**
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