

**Re-elect Cllr. Janet Campbell**

**Vote Number 1 for Broxburn**



**West Lothian Council Elections  
Broxburn, Uphall and Winchburgh Ward**

**4th May**



## SNP Making West Lothian *your* Council



**For far too long West Lothian Council has believed that consultation is a process through which it tells our community what is to be done to us.**

**SNP** totally reject this way of working and are determined to empower our communities to help shape the services *your* council delivers.

**SNP** believe that communities must be at the very heart of our local democracy and that democratic power must be built from communities up - *not imposed from above*.

**SNP** believe that power lies with people and communities who give some of that to local government - *not the other way round*

**SNP** believe that with more local control over decision making we will all have a much brighter future.

An incoming SNP West Lothian Council Administration will therefore radically change the Council's current decision making process to ensure our local communities are directly involved in matters affecting them and to put our communities at the very centre of

decision making - *with a strong voice that will carry weight*. Put simply SNP want communities to have a new experience of local government as active participants and problem solvers.

Our first actions will be to listen to your views and this dialogue will shape the detail of how we will bring control of budgets and services closer to our local communities. Everything we do will be focussed on delivering equality, fairness and social justice. We know that our different communities have varied needs and accept that the one size fits all solutions of the past are no longer fit for purpose.

We believe that the best decisions will be made by those who are to be most affected by them and we are determined to allow **your** ideas to flourish and to change our communities for the better.

Underpinning this election address is this key principle of empowering our communities to shape their future as we work to make West Lothian a fairer, more equal and more prosperous community.

***I commend it to you and look forward to hearing your views and to working with you to change West Lothian for the better.***

**Cllr. Janet Campbell**



## **Five Steps... to a better West Lothian**

### **An SNP led West Lothian Council will:**

**1**

Ensure local people have the ability to influence and plan a range of the local services which affect their communities as we work together to make West Lothian a fairer, more equal and prosperous community

**2**

Work with parents and partners to provide affordable and flexible integrated early learning, education and childcare between 8am and 6pm, all year round

**3**

Invest in our children to ensure every child, irrespective of their background, gets the best chance to achieve their full potential

**4**

We will commence a programme to build 2000 council houses with the initial build starting immediately

**5**

Protect the health and well-being of our elderly and vulnerable, by ensuring the integration of Health & Social Care delivers first class, person-centred services and improved technology enhanced care to support them to live well in their own homes - *where they most want to be*

STEP

1

## **Empowering you and your community**

**Put simply SNP want communities to have a new experience of local government as active participants and problem solvers.**

A new SNP run West Lothian Council will radically change the way the council does things to give our local communities a strong voice in our decision making and the ability to help shape the services our council provides.

SNP will place our communities at the heart of making the decisions that will shape our future services

Our first actions will be to listen to your views and this dialogue will shape the detail of how we will bring control of budgets and services closer to our local communities.

### **SNP will ensure:**

- **communities will be actively involved in council decision-making to ensure council investment accurately reflects local aspirations.**
- **the '*National Standards for Community Engagement*' will be firmly adhered to ensuring that local people have their say, are listened to, and are involved in decision-making.**
- **decisions will be made by those who are to be most affected by them.**
- **your ideas will be allowed to flourish and to change our communities for the better.**



## Learning knows no bounds

Ensuring educational excellence for all and closing the gap in attainment between young people from our most and least deprived communities is the defining mission of this SNP council group.

As well as revolutionising Early years and childcare provision we will use information generated through the new National Improvement Framework to set clear, specific and meaningful milestones. The SNP will channel significant new money from Tax reform directly to our schools to ensure that resources go where they are needed most. The Attainment Fund will invest an additional £750 million to close the gap in educational attainment.



- New investment in education delivered to those most in need
  - Closing the attainment gap between our most and least deprived communities
  - Improve the breadth of opportunity with high quality, work related learning through the "Developing the young Workforce" initiative
  - Literacy and Numeracy, particularly in those crucial early years will be the foundation of our drive for improved attainment
  - We want to see **all** of our children reach their full potential
  - Continue to develop our excellent partnerships with West Lothian college and the many local companies who work with our schools
  - Consult with parents and carers of children with Additional Learning Needs to shape the future of this vital service
- Our young people will not thrive in school alone, when our children and young people need them most the Labour council has savagely cut children's clubs and youth work. We are committed to enhancing the lives and opportunities of our young people in and out of school. We will:**
- Consult our communities to shape youth services that best fit each area
  - Look to and support best practice in youth work both in council and in the voluntary sector
  - Improve youth services to increase opportunity, help close the attainment gap and dramatically reduce disturbance and police youth related calls
  - Recognise the vital role the council plays in the lives of looked after children and redouble efforts to improve the lives of this most vulnerable group
  - Support an amendment to the 2005 Charities Act to relieve state schools of current taxation burdens this freeing up resources for education

## Building Houses and Communities

Housing is about more than simply bricks and mortar. From children needing space to play and learn, to those seeking to buy or rent, to those requiring adaptations to continue living in their homes, housing touches everyone's lives, and in different ways.

We believe that everyone should have a safe, warm home which they can afford, and we are committed to ensuring that this becomes a reality

### An SNP controlled Council will:

- Work in partnership with other social housing providers to maximise the number of homes for rent
- Commit to delivering 2000 new energy efficient council houses
- In consultation with our tenants and those on the waiting list we will aim to set a sustainable rent strategy
- Build one bedroomed properties to meet the demand from single households
- Increase the options available for renting a Council house
- Ensure **all** our homes meet the new EESH (energy efficiency) standard by 2020

Everyone has the expectation that the house they live in will be a warm, high quality, affordable, low carbon home and energy efficiency has a major part to play in achieving that. **We will:**

- Immediately install PV (solar) panels on all New Build houses
- Commence a programme to retro fit PV (solar) to **all** existing stock
- Encourage all council tenants to move to a 'lower cost' utility provider
- Consider Alternative Energy providers for **all** of West Lothian

Utilising **all** of the above will result in our tenants making a considerable financial saving towards their household budget, help tackle fuel poverty, ensure that our homes are warm and contribute towards our carbon reduction targets.

It will ensure that our homes are of the highest quality and fit for the 21st century, giving future generations the best possible start in life.





**The SNP government have described early learning and childcare as the most transformative project of this parliament. In West Lothian, the SNP council group is committed to meeting this challenge. Our vision is to create a flexible, integrated system of early learning and childcare which meets the needs of the communities it serves.**

- We will increase nursery provision from the current half day nursery place to a free full day nursery place for all our three and four year olds and those two year olds who stand to benefit the most
- To support parents, we will align the nursery day with the school day
- Once children are in receipt of full day nursery provision, we will also provide a free school lunch and access to a free breakfast club
- In West Lothian, Labour has cut teachers from our nurseries. We will reverse these cuts, ensuring that each nursery has at least one full time qualified teacher or degree qualified early years and childcare professional
- We will explore closer links between nursery establishments and corresponding primary schools
- We will work with parents and partners to deliver local, coordinated, affordable, universal after-school and holiday childcare from nursery to P7, 8am to 6pm, all year round



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## **Transforming Telecare Services**

**At one time, West Lothian was leading the way in telecare and telehealth. Unfortunately, our ability to provide the optimum level of care for people in West Lothian using technology has stalled recently. The SNP are determined that we will make better use of telecare and telehealth to support local people live independently, in their own homes, for as long as possible.**

**In order to support local people to live in their own homes, managing their own health for as long as they are able, we will make best use of telecare. This can be used to support patients and their G.P. to communicate more effectively in order to manage a health condition.**

**Through the use of telecare including smart phones and smart televisions there are growing opportunities to support people living with the following:**

- Heart conditions
- Respiratory illness
- Diabetes

**Telecare can be used to maintain independent living for as long as possible by:**

- Providing a reminder regarding medication
- Automatic light switch for people who need to get out of bed during the night
- Falls monitor for older/disabled people at risk of falling
- Use of GPS technology which allows for tracing of anyone who is at risk of 'going missing'

We will review council income streams in order to establish a fair, universal and equitable system to properly fund the significant investment we so desperately need to make in 'Technology Enhanced Care' with all revenue raised being "ring fenced" and used to make continual improvements to the range of our telecare, and telehealth appliances and capability within West Lothian.

**We want to provide the very best quality of care possible as we strive to support people in their own homes - these changes will enable us to do exactly that.**



## Supporting Young People to Succeed in Broxburn



I recently had the pleasure of attending Broxburn United Sports Club, where their brand new, state of the art indoor facility has just been officially opened.

This fantastic resource for children and young people in Broxburn and the surrounding areas will enable the club to provide a more diverse range of activities for the community, including exercise classes, dance programmes, indoor functions *and much more*.

Broxburn United Sports Club are always at the forefront of innovative ways of working with our young people. They have now opened a **Boot Box** for which donations of good quality football boots are always welcome. This means that any young person from our community can take part in the sporting activities for which this club is rightly renowned. If you still haven't been along then please take some time to check out Broxburn United Sports Club on their website – or better still get along to support our local team on Saturday afternoons!

## Around the community

### NEW HOUSING

I welcome the delivery of these new, family sized homes for rent here in Kirkhill, Broxburn in addition to the new homes for older people recently completed on the site of the old Broxburn High School, started by the last SNP led administration.

An incoming SNP led administration has pledged to continue with an affordable homes programme and will undertake to build a further 1000 new homes for rent in West Lothian over the next five years. Councillor Janet Campbell says *"I believe every family living in West Lothian has the right to a secure and warm home. I will work tirelessly with my colleagues in order to deliver on this promise"*



### Massive Cash Boost for Broxburn Schools

*"Schools in Broxburn will benefit from a £251,400 funding boost as part of the Scottish Government's drive to improve standards in schools.*

Broxburn Academy will receive £93,600, Broxburn Primary will receive £63,000, Kirkhill Primary will receive £58,800 and St Nicholas will benefit to the tune of £36,000."

### BROXBURN JOB CENTRE



The Westminster Government, in its restructuring programme, has decided that Broxburn Job Centre **must close**. **I find this decision unacceptable** – for the people of Broxburn who need to use this public resource, this decision will mean further hardship for those who will now need to attend in Livingston. I have written to Damian Green, Secretary of State to demand that he **reverse this decision**.



Welcoming this news, Councillor Janet Campbell said *"Every child should have the best start in life, and it is unacceptable that children from the poorest backgrounds should have their chances limited by their circumstances. The SNP Government has made closing the attainment gap a national priority and this pupil equity fund is aimed at doing exactly that"*

## About your **SNP** Candidate...

Janet Campbell was born and brought up in Broxburn, attending both Broxburn Primary School and Broxburn Academy. She has held senior positions in both Health and the Voluntary Sector and is acutely aware of the pressures in these public services.

**She has been elected as your Councillor for almost 10 years and has also been a health service union representative.**

**Janet has many years experience of representing people and standing up for their rights. She has an excellent reputation locally as someone who is committed to the area and for working with local people.**



### **JANET SAYS...**

*"I believe that we in Broxburn need an SNP Council as I consider that we can do significantly more for our communities by working together. I want to see less 'big' council meetings and more local area meetings right here in Broxburn – in the heart of our communities, with local people taking an active role in developing the services we want to see".*

Janet continued "we have a real opportunity to build a more caring and inclusive society. The SNP want to transform childcare to make it easier for working families. We want to ensure that more older people are given the support they need to remain living in their own home for as long as possible. We can do all of this and more – but only with your help"

**I am asking for your support to ensure that public services are built around people and communities, reduce inequalities and work to reduce the attainment gap ensuring that all children receive the very best support available.**

## Vote SNP 1, 2, 3

This local council election will take place using the STV voting system. You vote by listing the candidates in order of preference- giving 1 to your first choice, 2 to your second choice and so on. Your vote can help elect four councillors. In this area the SNP are fighting to win three of the four seats and so we ask that you :

## Vote SNP 1, 2, 3

**" This election is a clear choice between an SNP run council or a Tory/Labour coalition "**



Pippa Plevin



Janet Campbell



Diane Calder

## Janet Campbell explains:

Across West Lothian the **SNP** are the only party fielding enough council candidates to *actually* form a council administration.

After the election Labour and the Tories will look to cobble together a Labour/Tory run council.

**So I ask you to Vote SNP 1, 2, 3, to:**

- Elect three SNP councillors here, and help to deliver an SNP run West Lothian Council
- Remove the Labour/Tory coalition in power in West Lothian
- Deliver a fairer, more equal, more prosperous county

To help elect three **SNP** councillors for **Broxburn, Uphall & Winchburgh** please vote



**Janet Campbell**

**1**



**Pippa Plevin**

**2**



**Diane Calder**

**3**