

Dear Sam,

Thank you for the questions, I've set out some of the SNP position below, but more information can be found by reading our manifesto at EdinburghSNP.org



Kind regards,
Adam

1. Renew their commitment to the City's 2030 net zero goal and the implementation of the 2030 Climate Strategy, the City Plan and the City Mobility Plan.

The SNP is committed to working in the Council and across organisations throughout the City in partnership to achieve net-zero by 2030. We will progress the City's climate strategy and deliver new policies across heat, transport and other areas like green spaces. We're committing to implement the new local development plan and review planning policies to ensure they are compliant with the 2030 ambition as well as initiating a new "Green deal" for Edinburgh to help finance the transition from gas in heat and ramp up insulation of private buildings and homes.

2. Deliver a low carbon transport system with a 30% reduction in traffic by 2030.

We understand how important it is to make transport greener if we're to hit our aim. Central to our plans is to progress 2 further tram extensions to the north (Granton) and south (Bioquarter), invest £118m delivering major improvement projects to walking and cycling and policies to tackle congestion and encourage use of public transport- mainly a congestion levy applied to those coming into Edinburgh from outside the City at peak times, creating revenue we would invest regionally in sustainable public transport options. We also need to acknowledge that private car and taxi will continue to be necessary in the City and we will expand on-street EV charging points ten-fold to help decarbonise car journeys too.

3. Champion and demonstrate the accelerated deployment of energy efficiency and zero carbon emission heating measures across the public estate and private housing of Edinburgh.

In the last 5 years we've progressed models that have delivered improvements to housing and reduced energy bills with projects like the retrofit of 500 homes in Murrayburn. This is a model we'll build on and expand across the City and will be the foundation of our Green Deal ensuring all residents can take advantage of changes that will reduce crippling energy bill rises we're seeing now under the Tory cost of living crisis.

4. Work alongside partners to enable a Just Transition; one that ensures opportunities are available to all.

We know we can't do this alone. The whole city has signed up to 2030 as our net-zero target and it's important that we continue to work with groups across the City who have the knowledge and expertise but also financial capacity to help Edinburgh reach our goal. Our future is at risk with the Tories not committing to any date of reaching net-zero. Unless we continue the strong partnership we've built over the last 5 years we will fail, and if we fail, future generations will never forgive us. We want Edinburgh to build a strong future as a European Capital. That's a vision which is shared among the vast majority of our residents, businesses and organisations. We will work with everyone, inclusively, to deliver on that vision.

5. Highlight the importance of climate adaptation across the city and deliver a programme of investment to improve resilience for communities.

Under SNP leadership, the Council signed up to work with the Marrakesh Partnership and will continue to work on adaptation required to meet the changing and increasing impacts of climate

change on local residents. We're already working with Scottish Water to better prepare the city for increasingly frequent high rainfall events which have caused flooding and disruption.