

September Update from Angela Blacklock, Councillor for Leith Walk:

Since I was elected in May, I have delivered on my promises to the constituents of Leith Walk Ward. I promised I would listen to local residents and I have set up regular surgeries every Monday at McDonald Rd library at 6pm. You can also contact me by e-mail at angela.blacklock@edinburgh.gov.uk. I also promised I would stand up for local residents and that's why I have consistently voted against the cuts to Council services proposed by the Liberal Democrat/SNP coalition which is running Edinburgh Council. The ill-thought out and-ill managed education, children and families estates review which sought to close 23 schools in Edinburgh was an outrage. Parents won the battle and these plans have been abandoned for now but it was Labour who supported the families throughout their campaign. The health and social care budget is now under attack from the coalition which will hit the vulnerable in our society the hardest, Labour believes these cuts in frontline services are simply not necessary. I have always said that I would stand up for families and I think the cuts to full time nursery places will hit these the hardest.

Since May, I am delighted to have become equalities spokesperson for the Labour Group and I am a member of the Licensing Board, the Education, Children and Families Committee, the Policy and Strategy Committee and the Personnel Appeals Committee so I am keeping fairly busy! However, I am keen to hear from my constituents and happy to come along to any local gatherings to meet with you. I am here to help you if you have a problem but I am also keen to hear your views on how the Council is doing and where we could do better so please do contact me.