



COUNCILLOR PAUL CASSIDY

*A Strong Voice for Change on
The Association of Labour Councillors*

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Dear Colleagues,

I'm writing to share that I am now officially on the ballot for the Association of Labour Councillors (ALC) Executive Committee—and I'd be honoured to have your support.

I'm proud to be backed by Labour Groups from across Scotland—from Aberdeen, West Lothian, North Ayrshire, and East Ayrshire, to my own group in Inverclyde. That's not just a nice endorsement from my group – That backing matters. It's a vote of confidence from those who know my work best—and it speaks to the values of collaboration, trust, and grassroots leadership that I will bring to the ALC.

Since being elected to Inverclyde Council in 2022, I've been guided by a simple but powerful belief: **we are stronger when we work together**. As a committed co-operator, I've always championed unity, fairness, and the values that define our movement.

I'm standing for the ALC Executive because I believe our party needs strong, focused representation that recognises the vital role of Labour councillors—especially here in Scotland. Councillors are often the most visible and active representatives of our party in communities across the country. Whether in administration or opposition, we provide leadership, continuity, and a direct connection to the people we serve.

Yet too often, the voice of local government has been sidelined within our party. Councillors have been treated as expendable during election cycles, our contributions overlooked, and our concerns ignored. That must change. A stronger, more resilient Labour Party must be one that **values and empowers every level of government**. A strong ALC is essential to ensuring that local government voices are heard at the highest levels. Councillors understand the real-world impact of policy decisions—on public services, housing, and the daily lives of our constituents. We must be at the table when decisions are made.

I bring a proven track record of action, collaboration, and grassroots campaigning. I've actively campaigned for public ownership of bus services, opposed cuts to rail ticket offices, and supported Labour candidates in council by-elections. For the past three years, I've served on the board of the Co-operative Councils' Innovation Network, recently securing re-election with the backing of member council leaders from across the UK. In addition to my council work, I've worked for several Labour MSPs and held key organising roles within the party, including campaign organiser, election agent, and CLP Secretary. These roles have given me hands-on experience in building strong local teams, winning support on the doorstep, and delivering Labour victories.

If elected, I will bring fresh energy, a collaborative spirit, and a strong commitment to working constructively with colleagues across the UK. I want Labour councillors not only to be heard—**but empowered to lead and central to shaping our party's future.**

If elected, I will work tirelessly to:

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- Ensure every councillor's voice is heard
- Deliver full transparency on how our levy is used
- Restore the Scottish Local Government Conference by the year end
- Develop Scotland-specific councillor training programs
- Provide regular updates and consult you on ALC priorities
- Ensure timely sharing of Policy Briefings
- Secure meaningful consultation on local government settlements—no decisions on council tax without local government backing
- Ensure manifesto pledges impacting local government are shaped with councillor input
- Guarantee equal representation for councillors and parliamentarians at Policy Forums and Party Conferences
- Expand dedicated local government officer support in Scotland
- Secure resources and support for future council elections across the UK, especially in Scotland in 2027
- Achieve parity of esteem, where councillors are treated as equals to parliamentarians



The challenges we face in our communities are immense, but with a unified and strong voice, we can meet them head-on. Now is the time for a strong Scottish voice at the heart of the ALC—one that will fight for local government to be at the heart of Labour's future.

Thank you for considering my nomination.

In solidarity,

Paul

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