

Alan Duffill selected as Labour candidate

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Banffshire and Buchan Coast Labour Party have announced that local Party Secretary and local solicitor Alan Duffill has been selected as their prospective parliamentary candidate for the 2011 Holyrood elections.

Following his selection Alan said,

“I am delighted and honoured to have been selected as the prospective candidate for the Labour Party in what will be the new Banffshire and Buchan Coast Constituency.

Disappointingly three years ago we lost ground and lost power in Scotland to the SNP. They have spent the last three years undoing much of the good work we started. Gone are the 1000 extra teachers we brought in replaced by a 3000 cut, classroom assistants are down and we have 4000 fewer health service workers. The needs of this area and Scotland have been neglected as the Nats pursue a narrow Independence agenda

Scottish Labour delivered a Parliament for Scotland just over 10 years ago and the General Election showed increased support for Labour across this area and across Scotland.

Although we take nothing for granted I am hopeful that next year we can see Labour back in power again. We want to play an active part in Scotland's government once more - protecting and rebuilding Scotland's key public services.

Liberal Democrat support has collapsed and will continue to whilst they provide life support to their Tory bedfellows. I think only we can present a realistic alternative to a failing Nationalist Government.

It will be an interesting and exciting challenge for Scottish Labour and it is one that I very much look forward to”

Local Party Chair Peter Hawkey said: “ I am delighted that Alan has been selected as our Prospective candidate. The local Party looks forward to joining him in taking the Labour Party's message to communities across the length and breadth of the Banffshire and Buchan Coast as we seek to build support for the return of a radical and progressive Labour government.”

Background

Alan Duffill practices Family Law and court work in the North East of Scotland being based in the town of Banff and is a partner with a local law firm. He is 41 years of

age and stays in Macduff and has lived in the North East for 11 out of the last 13 years.

From 1999 to 2001 he worked in South West Scotland as Parliamentary Researcher to Elaine Murray the MSP for Dumfries. He is a graduate of Glasgow University. He is also Secretary of the local Constituency Party.