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Labour leader Kezia Dugdale has “shown her true colours” after threatening councillors with suspension for not doing a deal with the SNP.

Earlier today, it was confirmed that the Scottish Conservatives and Labour would form a coalition to run Aberdeen City Council.

Shortly after, Labour bosses said any councillors who signed up to this deal “will be in breach of Labour Party rules and may be suspended from the party”.

The pro-UK move by councillors in Scotland’s third biggest city is not popular with the wider party, which appears more enthusiastic for town hall deals to be done with the SNP.

Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:

“Kezia Dugdale has shown her true colours.

“As soon as the SNP finally comes under pressure, she can’t wait to help them out by propping them up in local government.

“She says she’ll ‘discipline’ members who even think about working with pro-UK colleagues like the Conservatives, despite Labour and Conservatives having formed the Aberdeen City administration for almost all of her time as leader.

“She really is lost. No wonder Scottish Labour is continuing its death spiral.”

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