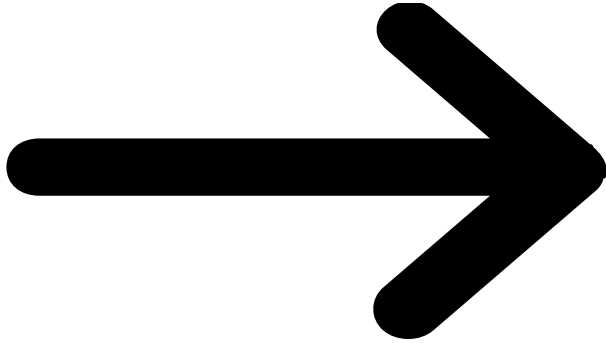


Scottish Conservative vote increases in by-election triumph

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The Scottish Conservatives have welcomed the result of an Aberdeen by-election – which saw a rise of more than 10 per cent in the party's share of the vote.

The Bridge of Don election saw Sarah Cross elected as Scottish Conservative councillor.

Compared to the same elections in 2017, the Scottish Conservative share of the vote rose from 25.8 per cent to 36.2 per cent.

The party also had more first preference votes than the SNP, twice as many votes as the Liberal Democrats, and six times as many as Labour.

Scottish Conservative leader Jackson Carlaw said:

"Many congratulations to Sarah Cross on being elected as councillor for Bridge of Don.

"She and the whole Scottish Conservative team in Aberdeen have put in a fantastic shift and this is due reward for their efforts.

"The result proves that the Scottish Conservatives go into the coming weeks with momentum in our favour.

"People have had enough of the SNP's relentless pursuit of more division.

"They want us to sort Brexit, they want the SNP to dump its independence referendum, and they want us all to get on with sorting out the things that matter."

"It's also clear from this result that people see both Labour and the Liberal Democrats as weak and irrelevant in Scotland.

"People know that if you want a party to take on the SNP and stand up for the referendums we've held, we are their only choice.

“This is a party in good heart and we are up for the fight ahead.”