

Scotstoun man is set for Westminster



Scotstoun man Frank Rankin is the SNP prospective candidate for Glasgow Kelvin in the forthcoming Westminster elections. Frank, who lives in Danes Drive, has been selected to contest the seat which runs from Scotstoun to the City Centre.

On accepting the party's nomination, Frank said, 'It is a privilege to be able to stand up for Scotstoun and for Kelvin. With so many decisions still being taken by London it is vital that we still have a strong voice there—and that voice can only come from the SNP.'

Sandra White MSP, in welcoming the nomination said, 'I have worked closely with Frank on

many community issues. He will be a tremendous asset as a Westminster MP. I look forward to working closely with him as part of the SNP's team for Kelvin.'

Frank Rankin is 30, married, and is a local government officer and member of the Unison trade union.

Speaking to the *Scotstoun Independent* Frank outlined his priorities. 'If elected as MP for Kelvin, I would always be available to the people of Scotstoun and the whole constituency. My loyalties would be with them - **not** with London.'

Real Power for Our People:

John Swinney spells out his vision for Scotland to the Scotstoun Independent

Scotland's people need more powers in Scotland to deliver what they need. That was the message spelled out to the *SI* by John Swinney MSP MP, leader of the SNP:

'Our new Scottish parliament can only do some of the things that Scotland needs. And with Westminster's "can do, won't do" attitude to Scotland, the Scottish Parliament must be able to do more. If we can be trusted with the care and support of our pensioners, then we should be trusted with the power to give them a decent pension as of right.

'If we can be trusted to build the roads for our motorists, then we should be trusted to lower the taxes on our motorists.

'If we can be trusted with the health and education of our children, then we must be trusted with the power to create new and better jobs for our children.

'Westminster won't do any of these things for Scotland—let's win the power to do them ourselves. London still holds the purse strings so, above all, let's take control of Scotland's wealth and Scotland's resources so that we can turn our rich country into the rich society we all want.

'And the more SNP MPs there are at Westminster, the more powers we will win for the Scottish Parliament. The more SNP MPs there are, the more we can do to protect Scotland from the damaging policies of Labour and Tory politicians. The more SNP MPs we have the more we can do to win the best deal for Scotland.'

NHS Not Safe in New Labour Hands

The NHS has went from crisis to crisis unde New Labour. New plans for the health service in Glasgow will mean a serious decline in service for Scotstoun people.

The plan to close the Western Infirmary will mean no accident and emergency cover for the west of the city. The plans provide for only a scaled down A&E at Gartnavel. Scotstoun people will face a journey through the busy Clyde Tunnel to the Southern or through the city centre to the Royal.

Commenting on the health review Frank Rankin said "New Labour have failed the NHS. People power worked when Sandra White campaigned with them to save Blawarthill Hospital from closure. I will oppose strongly Ne Labours plans to further undermine our health service"

Sandra White MSP

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- Phone-in surgery - 204 1767

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- Partick Burgh Halls - 7pm

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- Knightswood Community Centre, 201 Alderman Rd - 5pm

Scotstoun Set to Lose over £10,000,000

London rule will cost the people of Scotstou over £1500 each during 2000 -2002. That's the stunning results of an analysis of official government figures by the SNP. Scotland is paying more than its fair share of tax, and th extra money goes straight to London

John Swinney, leader of the SNP said, 'The SNP have shown that, even on modest assumptions, Scotland will generate a surplus o £2.8 billion this year and £4.9 billion nex year.'

'From 2000 to 2002, the surplus that Scotlan sends to the London Treasury will be worth £7.7 billion – or £1,511 for every man, woman and child in Scotland'

Frank Rankin, SNP prospective candidate for Glasgow Kelvin, blasted London Labour: 'These new figures show that a vote for New Labour is a vote to give Scotland's muc needed wealth to London. New Labour has squandered billions on Trident missiles and the Millennium Dome. By voting SNP th people of Scotstoun would send the messag that Scotland's wealth must be spent on new schools, better housing and more police i our streets.'

This was real money being taken from the people of Scotstoun, Frank continued: 'Glasgow Kelvin's share of this rip-off is about £100 million – Scotstoun alone is losing over £10 million. Only a vote for the SNP, and for Independence, wi ll see Scotland's wealth used to improve the lives of all in Scotland

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