

# Ruth comments on Labour leadership result

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**Commenting on the result of the Labour leadership contest, which confirmed Richard Leonard as the new leader, Scottish Conservative leader Ruth Davidson said:**

“Congratulations to Richard Leonard on becoming leader of Scottish Labour.

“However, as Labour’s ninth leader since devolution, many people will be wondering whether he will turn out to be another temporary solution to his party’s deep seated problems.

“Scottish Labour has spent far too long fighting itself in an endless succession of leadership contests, instead of fighting for a better deal for the people of Scotland.

“The Scottish Conservatives are the only party with the strength and unity to stand up to the SNP and provide the strong opposition our country needs.

“It is unlikely that any new captain will be enough to turn around a Scottish Labour ship that is holed below the waterline.”