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Greens rising star quits deputy leader race after father jailed for rape

Party to investigate how Aimee Challenor's father was able to be her election agent after arrest

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A rising young member of the Greens has pulled out of the race to become the party's deputy leader after her father, who was previously her election agent, was jailed for abusing and raping a child.

Aimee Challenor, the Greens' equalities spokeswoman, who was among the frontrunners in the leadership contest, said she had had no idea about the crimes, but was withdrawing to prevent the election process becoming "dominated by what my father has done".

David Challenor, 50, was jailed for 22 years last week after being convicted of torturing and raping a 10-year-old girl in the attic of the family home in Coventry. He had served as Aimee Challenor's election agent when she stood in the 2017 general election and in the local elections in May this year - after his arrest.