

**UK PARLIAMENTARY GENERAL ELECTION
FOR THE
LINLITHGOW AND EAST FALKIRK CONSTITUENCY**

An election is to be held for a member to serve in the UK Parliament for the above Constituency.

Nomination papers may be delivered to the Returning Officer at the Elections Office, Second Floor, West Lothian Civic Centre, Howden South Road, Livingston, EH54 6FF not later than 4pm on any weekday after the date of this notice, but not later than **4pm on Tuesday 20 April 2010**.

Forms of nomination paper may be obtained at the place and within the time mentioned above. The Returning Officer will at the request of any person prepare for signature a nomination paper.

If an election is contested the poll will take place between the hours of 7.00 am and 10.00 pm on **Thursday 6 May 2010**.

Applications to be included on the register of electors to be used at this election must reach your Electoral Registration Officer by **Tuesday 20 April 2010**.

If you reside in the **West Lothian Council** area your Electoral Registration Officer's address is 17A South Gyle Crescent, Edinburgh, EH12 9FL.

If you reside in the **Falkirk Council** area your Electoral Registration Officer's address is Hillside House, Laurelhill, Stirling, FK7 9JQ.

Postal or Proxy Voting

Any elector may apply for a postal or proxy vote at this election. For advice on postal or proxy voting, contact 0131 344 2500 if you reside in the West Lothian Council area or 01786 892 200 if you reside in the Falkirk Council area.

Applications to vote by post or by postal proxy must reach your Electoral Registration Officer by **5.00pm on Tuesday 20 April 2010**.

Applications to cancel or alter postal and proxy votes, or to change from postal to proxy voting must reach your Electoral Registration Officer by **5.00pm on Tuesday 20 April 2010**.

Applications to vote by proxy must reach your Electoral Registration Officer by **5.00pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010**.

Where a person has applied to vote by proxy at a specific election on the grounds of disability and the applicant becomes incapacitated **after 5.00pm on Tuesday 27 April 2010**, the application, or an application for the appointment of a proxy made by virtue of that application, must reach your Electoral Registration Officer by 5.00pm on the date of the poll.

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ALEX LINKSTON
Returning Officer
13 April 2010

NOTES

1. The attention of candidates and electors is drawn to the rules for filling up nomination papers and other provisions relating to nomination contained in the Parliamentary Election Rules at Schedule 1 of Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended.
2. Every person guilty of a corrupt or illegal practice will, on conviction, be liable to the penalties imposed by the Representation of the People Act 1983 as amended.
3. The issue of postal ballot papers will commence on 26 April 2010. They will be issued by first class mail (except where a postal voter applies in person for a replacement for a spoilt or lost postal ballot paper). A postal ballot paper may be returned either a) by post or by hand to the Returning Officer or b) by hand to a polling station in the constituency to which it relates. Any person intending to vote by post, who may be unable to deal timeously with a postal ballot paper under the foregoing arrangements, should consider applying instead for appointment of a proxy.
4. The candidate's deposit of £500 will be accepted only in cash or by certified cheque or banker's draft (but only where the drawer carries on business as a banker in the UK). In addition the deposit may be payable by prior arrangement agreed by the Returning Officer, by debit or credit card.