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(Sent by email)

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Dear Mr Story

Vacancy for a Member of European Parliament (MEP) – Yorkshire and The Humber Region

I have today been notified that Timothy Kirkhope MEP resigned his seat on the European Parliament on 6 October 2016. A vacancy for an MEP therefore now exists in the Yorkshire and The Humber European Region.

In accordance with regulations 82-85 of the European Parliamentary Elections Regulations 2004, I am writing to you to ascertain whether you, as the next candidate on the Conservative Party list at the 2014 European Parliamentary Elections, are willing to be returned as an MEP for the vacant seat.

I would therefore ask that you do one of the following;

- i) State in writing that you are willing and able to be returned as an MEP, and provide a certificate signed by or on behalf of the Nominating Officer of the Conservative Party confirming that you can be returned as the party's MEP.
- ii) State in writing that you are not willing to be returned as an MEP.

In the case of you meeting the requirements of i) above, I will declare that you are returned as an MEP, and give public notice of the declaration.

In the case of you meeting the requirements of ii) above, I will contact each of the other party list candidates in turn according to their position on the ballot paper until either:

- one of the candidates meets the requirements of i) above; or
- the list of candidates is exhausted without any success.

In the event that I am unable to fill the seat by this procedure, a by-election will then be held

within six months from the date that the Minister for Political and Constitutional Reform receives notification that no MEP has been returned from the Party List.

If you have any queries regarding this matter, please contact Susanna Benton, Electoral Services Manager for Leeds City Council, on 0113 3784771.

Yours sincerely



Tom Riordan
Regional Returning Officer
Yorkshire & The Humber Region