

A36 Removing need for repeat selection for by-election held shortly after another

Proposer: Rob Gowans

Motion text

- 1 That the branch formally supports the following motion to Party Conference:
- 2 In the SGP Selections Procedure, insert –
- 3 "2.14 In the event of a by-election being held less than six months after a
- 4 previous election in the same ward or constituency, the candidate from the
- 5 previous election may be automatically selected for the by-election without the
- 6 need to repeat the selection process."

Reason

This year has seen two by-elections caused by the resignation or disqualification of a councillor less than a week after a previous by-election in the same ward (Colinton/Fairmilehead in Edinburgh and North East in Glasgow). This has forced a repeat selection to be held, which provoked questions from members about why the previous candidate could not automatically continue.

This motion would amend the party Selections Procedure so that if a by-election is held less than six months after a previous election in the same ward/constituency, the previous candidate could be automatically selected without the need to hold another selection.

This motion seeks to formally get the support of Edinburgh branch to submit to Party Conference. This would give it higher priority in the order of motions at Conference.

Supporters

Kate Nevens