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Call for candidates in Alderney by-election

Alderney goes to the polls next month to elect a tenth Member to fill the remaining vacancy in the States Assembly.

Not enough candidates came forward at last year's Ordinary Election when four of the five available seats were filled uncontested. Elections take place every two years for half of the Assembly with successful candidates serving for four years.

That means a by-election must be called to fill a 'casual vacancy'.

"We are hoping that a number of candidates will come forward to make this a properly contested election," said Returning Officer Liz Maurice. "It's a new year with a new States and a full agenda of business to take Alderney forward, and I would encourage those with a contribution to make to step up in these challenging times."

The States of Alderney meets next Wednesday (January 11th) when the current nine Members are asked to confirm the by-election date of Saturday February 18th with nominations to be received during the seven days ending at 4pm on Friday February 3rd.

The Polling Station is in the Island Hall in Royal Connaught Square and will be open for voting on Election Day between 9.30am and 6.30pm.

A booklet entitled 'How Government Works' is available to potential candidates at the Island Hall's General Office and potential candidates are encouraged to talk to present States Members regarding the role they would be taking on.

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