

Baroness Rosalind SCOTT

Rosalind Scott, She is President of the Liberal Democrats and she has been a member of the House of Lords since May 2000, when she became Baroness Scott of Needham Market.

She was a Liberal Democrat councillor in Suffolk from 1991 to 2005, serving at both District and County level. She held a number of positions on Suffolk County Council, including Group Leader. She was appointed to the Local Government Association Transport Executive in 1997, became Chair in 2001 and is now Vice-President of the organisation. She represented UK local government in Europe as a member of the Committee of the Regions from 1997 to 2001 and as part of the North Sea Commission. She has been a Non-Executive Director at both Lloyd's Register and ITV. She is a member of the think-tank the Commission for Integrated Transport and a non executive director of Entrust, the Landfill Tax regulator.

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Scott was married, but was divorced later. She has a son, Jamie, and a daughter, Sally. On 22 April 2008 she married fellow Liberal Democrat, Mark Valladares.



On 11 May 2000, she was created a life peer as Baroness Scott of Needham Market, of Needham Market in the County of Suffolk.

In 2008 she stood down as the Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Communities and Local Government to concentrate on being a candidate to be President of the Liberal Democrats. On 8 November 2008, it was announced that she had won the

ballot of party members to become President of the Liberal Democrats, beating Lembit Öpik. She took office as president on 1 January 2009.

She is personally very committed to local government and to the development of local communities as she believes that local people usually know best what is needed in their own area, and should be free from too much central Government interference.



Concerning the reasons for Turkey to join the European Union, President of the Liberal Democrats and a member of the House of Lords, Baroness Scott stated that :

"Liberal Democrats believe that enlargement of the European Union has spread democracy, human rights and prosperity through the continent of Europe. The strict membership rules are bringing about lasting change in states wanting to join the EU such as in the Balkans and in Turkey by requiring political stability, respect for the Rule of Law and a functioning market economy. Liberal Democrats welcome the prospect of further enlargement to the Balkans and Turkey in due course."

Regarding the Turkish Business Directory UK-EU and Turkish speaking business people in the UK, Baroness Scott summarised that :

"We are a party that supports business. We value the important contribution made by the businessmen and women of the Turkish and Turkish Cypriot community to the economy of the UK. Now that we are in the coalition government we will work to ensure that businesses in the UK are given as much help as possible to get through the recession. Economic recovery will be our number one priority."

President of the Liberal Democrats and a member of the House of Lords, Baroness Scott sent the following message to the Turkish Community in the UK :

"The message from the Liberal Democrats to our friends in the Turkish community and Turkish born British citizens is that we thank you all for your support in the recent General Election."

She also added that :

"We are pleased that more voters than ever put their trust in Nick Clegg and our Party. In return we will ensure that in the coalition government we have political stability so that this government can take the steps necessary to tackle the deficit. We will also look at ways of reforming the political system in the UK. This we hope will lead to a fairer and a more prosperous Britain."

