

## HOUSE OF LORDS

### CONSERVATIVE HEREDITARY PEERS' BY-ELECTION

This note sets out the arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Mowbray and Stourton.

#### *Electors*

Lord Mowbray and Stourton was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(b), among the "42 peers elected by the Conservative hereditary peers". Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted Conservative hereditary peers, of whom there are 47.

#### *The candidates*

Those eligible to be candidates are the hereditary peers on the Register maintained by the Clerk of the Parliaments.

Registration for candidates closed on Wednesday 31 January 2007.

43 candidates have registered to stand for election. A list is overleaf.

#### *Voting*

Ballot papers will be posted to the electors by Electoral Reform Services on 19 February through the House of Lords internal mail. Completed papers are required to be returned to the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by 5 p.m. on Tuesday 6 March.

#### *Voting system*

The Alternative Vote System will be used. Voters place the figure 1 in the box next to the name of the candidate they most strongly support, the figure 2 against the next most favoured candidate, and so on. Voters may express as many or as few preferences as they wish. In order to be elected, the successful candidate must receive at least as many votes as all the other candidates put together. In the event of this not happening after first preference votes have been allocated, the votes of the candidate receiving the lowest number of first preference votes will be shared out according to the second preference marked on them. This will be repeated until one candidate has at least half of the total number of votes (excluding any eliminated because all preferences have been exhausted).

Ballot papers will be invalidated if:

- any number is used more than once, or
- in the opinion of the Returning Officer (the Clerk of the Parliaments) the ballot paper is illegible or ambiguous.

#### *The results*

The count will be conducted by Electoral Reform Services.

The result will be announced in the Chamber of the House by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment on Wednesday 7 March. This is expected to be at the end of oral questions.

The full results, including the number of first preference votes cast for each candidate, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library as soon as possible after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be placed on the Internet at [www.parliament.uk](http://www.parliament.uk).

7 February 2007

PAUL HAYTER  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

## LIST OF CANDIDATES

L. Abinger	V. Monckton of Brenchley
V. Addison	L. Morris
E. Alexander of Tunis	L. Newall
L. Annaly	L. Ogmore
L. Ashbourne	L. Oranmore and Browne ( <i>L. Mereworth</i> )
L. Biddulph	L. Pender
L. Birdwood	L. Polwarth
L. Cadman	L. Poole
E. Cathcart	L. Rathcavan
L. Chesham	L. Rowallan
L. Darling	L. Seaford
L. De Ramsey	E. Stockton
L. Gainford	L. Sudeley
V. Gormanston ( <i>L. Gormanston</i> )	L. Swansea
L. Harlech	E. Swinton
V. Hill	L. Terrington
V. Hood	V. Torrington
E. Iveagh	L. Vivian
L. Killearn	V. Weir
E. Kinnoull ( <i>L. Hay</i> )	E. Woolton
L. Margadale	V. Younger of Leckie
V. Massereene and Ferrard ( <i>L. Oriel</i> )	