



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the death of Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and the retirement of Lord Cobbold.

Electors

Viscount Allenby of Megiddo and Lord Cobbold were elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(d), among the “28 peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 27 eligible to vote. A list is below.

Candidates

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

The deadline for registration of candidature was 5 pm on Monday 24 November 2014. 18 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is below. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are also below.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to the electors by Electoral Reform Services on Wednesday 26 November 2014. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Tuesday 9 December 2014**. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with the ballot papers.

Voting system

One election, with one ballot paper, will be held to elect two hereditary peers. 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 cast as many or as few votes as they wish. In order to be elected, the first 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 candidates 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 valid votes.

Once the first candidate has been elected all ballot papers are re-counted to elect the second candidate. In this second count all preferences for the already-elected candidate are transferred to the next preference on the ballot paper. Otherwise the process is repeated as per the explanation above. Even though two candidates are being elected, the ballot paper should be marked with only one “1”, one “2”, one “3”, etc.

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 results will be announced in the House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Wednesday 10 December 2014.

The full results, including the number of first preference votes cast for each candidate and the position after each transfer of votes, will be available in the Printed Paper Office and the Library soon after the announcement by the Clerk of the Parliaments. The results will also be published online at www.parliament.uk

24 November 2014

David Beamish
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Crossbench peers

Aberdare, L.	Montgomery of Alamein, V.
Baldwin of Bewdley, E.	Northbourne, L.
Brookeborough, V.	Palmer, L.
Clancarty, E.	Peel, E.
Craigavon, V.	Rosslyn, E.
Cromwell, L.	St John of Bletso, L.
Erroll, E.	Saltoun of Abernethy, Ly
Freyberg, L.	Sandwich, E.
Greenway, L.	Slim, V.
Hylton, L.	Stair, E.
Listowel, E.	Tenby, V.
Lytton, E.	Walpole, L.

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Crossbench peers

Colville of Culross, V.
Falkland, V.
Mar, C.

List of candidates

Albemarle, E.
Aldington, L.
Cadman, L.
Calverley, L.
Clanwilliam, E. (*L. Clanwilliam*)
Darling, L.
Grantley, L.
Harlech, L.
Hood, V.
Kinnoull, E.
Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.
Massereene and Ferrard, V. (*L. Oriel*)
Napier and Etrick, L.
Russell of Liverpool, L.
Sempill, L.
Somerset, D.
Sudeley, L.
Thurlow, L.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

As a past Cross-Bencher I'm eager to return to make a positive impact centred on the field of design development, experiences therein might offer some unconventional and challenging perspectives. In the 20 years abroad I've also served on several charitable foundations linked to the arts including the creation of the British-Memorial-Garden, Hanover-Sq-NYC. At present I divide time between land-management and design/consulting and am passionate about making a constructive and effective contribution as Cross-Bench Peer.

Aldington, L.

I would hope to contribute on Europe. Successful negotiation requires us to appreciate our partners' viewpoints; for 26 years I worked for Deutsche Bank here and in Germany.

... and on our financial sector and financial stability.

... and on universities, the arts and philanthropy through my work with Oxford and the RA. I follow broad policy issues and sit on Ditchley's Council.

I have never joined a political party and would be honoured to be elected.

Cadman, L.

[No statement submitted.]

Calverley, L.

Since last sitting, I have been greatly dismayed by the behaviour of a minority of newer members.

These individuals have usurped their new found status for their own cupidity, rather than upholding the values of our honourable institution. Their actions have brought 'the House' into disrepute in the eyes of the British public and the world at large.

Should I be successful in this ballot, I would endeavour to help to rectify this shameful situation.

Clanwilliam, E. (L. Clanwilliam)

After military service, I worked for Hanson Trust for 7 years, traversing numerous industrial sectors.

Subsequently, I have over 20 years' experience working in the Middle East and CIS, advising clients in strategic communications and election campaigning.

Currently Chairman of Eurasia Drilling and director of NMC Healthcare. Both FTSE 250 listed plc's.

Former councillor RBK&C 1990–98 and living/working now in Westminster, I would relish and embrace the opportunity of serving the House as a Crossbencher.

Darling, L.

Exclusively a Crossbencher.

Areas of experience and potential contribution:

- **Planning Legislation** – Practising Chartered Surveyor in residential, commercial and business development, compulsory purchase and compensation.
- **Rural Enterprise** – property management and taxation, vice chairman Nuffield Farming Scholarships Trust, chairman National Trust Rural Enterprise Panel.
- **Mental Health** – vice chairman NHS Health Trust (chairman Remuneration and Property sub-committees).
- **Prison Service** – prison visitor Dartmoor and Norwich (vice chairman NAOPV).
- **Sporting** – first class playing level (Bath XV).

Grantley, L.

Mr Cameron has refused to create even one UKIP peer, in breach of the Government's promise under the Coalition Agreement. I am standing, for the first time since I left the House, to give Crossbenchers an opportunity to help rectify this.

I retired from banking (international project and export finance) in 2005. I chair my local Residents' Association. Interests: trade, finance, energy, planning.

I am far too independent minded to take a party whip.

Harlech, L.

I am a farmer, forester, land manager, from shore to sea: heavy haulage contractor and since 1975 an organiser of rural re-development in third world countries – crops and wells – mostly war torn.

My family and I have connections of service to this country in peace and war for over seven centuries.

Hood, V.

I support the role that the House of Lords makes in the legislative process and the developing of policy, to which the Crossbench makes a significant contribution.

As a solicitor specialising in Family work, principally money and children issues, and as the Chairman of a farming company in Dorset which sells milk and bacon into the supermarkets, I could to contribute to the work of the Crossbench and the House as a whole.

Kinnoull, E.

A qualified barrister, I have spent 25 years at Hiscox, the last 10 on the Group Management Committee. I have been Chief Executive of various divisions, recently stepping down to a part time role.

I am a trustee of several charities.

I farm organically in Perthshire.

I am not a member of any party. Our London home is in SW1 and I would intend to be a very regular and diligent attendee.

Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.

[No statement submitted.]

Massereene and Ferrard, V. (L. Oriel)

There are only two peers representing UKIP yet the party has at least 20% plus of the vote is this correct in a democracy? I would like to represent them from the Crossbenches.

Napier and Ettrick, L.

I run my own landscape garden business near Cambridge. My experience of being profoundly deaf, since birth, has shaped my life which will bring new insights to the House. The impact of hearing loss, affecting 10 million people in the UK, is little understood. It can have a negative impact on physical and mental health, but fortunately, technology and deaf awareness are improving. I would like to give a strong voice to people with disabilities.

Russell of Liverpool, L.

I inherited in 1981, took my seat in 1982 and sat as a crossbencher until 1999. I focused actively on health and education and was an officer of the All-Party Drug Misuse Group. I chose not to stand in 1999. I had a demanding headhunting career and lived in Cheshire. Today I am London-based and have the time to seek the privilege of contributing again to the House and to its future.

Sempill, L.

The call for independence in Scotland will continue, and further electoral success by the Scottish Nationalists will need to be matched with a greater and more positive vision for the future of the United Kingdom.

I would hope that the House will take an initiative to discuss the need for major Constitutional Reform.

I believe that I have the necessary experience and knowledge of Scottish politics to contribute to this ongoing constitutional crisis.

Somerset, D.

I first entered the House as Crossbencher in 1985–99, and spent time on 3 committees of the EU.

My main interests remain in Foreign Affairs; Accountability of the EU as a citizen orientated democracy; Rural Society and economy including Conservation and Heritage.

My son will soon take over running my UK business allowing me time to devote to the business of this House.

Sudeley, L.

Worked on euthanasia, usury, stable currencies, Prayer Book, export of historical manuscripts, bankruptcy regulation. Lectured on British history and constitution. Broadcast and written on the workings of the House of Lords. Currently completing a history of the Lords from earliest times. If elected, intend to work on upcoming business, introduce a Bill on independent audits in bankruptcies, and promote the study of history to protect the British Constitution.

Thurlow, L.

I include Europe, rural affairs, the built environment and charities as subjects of particular interest.

Chartered Surveyor. Background – a senior partner in global commercial property practice. Currently advise institutional investors part-time. Flexibility to be available for the business of the House.

Home in Oxfordshire/Westminster and as a family escape to holiday in Scotland.

Keen to serve on the Crossbenches. I have no political allegiance, like the independence and believe I can contribute with balance.