

7 March 2011

Hereditary Peers' By-election

This notice confirms the arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Strabolgi. It also provides the list of candidates for the by-election and candidature statements where these have been submitted.

Members are reminded that hustings for candidates will be held at 11am on Wednesday 16 March in the Robing Room, and are open to all Members of the House.

Electors

Lord Strabolgi was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(ii), among the "15 peers, elected by the whole House, from among those ready to serve as Deputy Speakers or in any other office as the House may require". Therefore, under Standing Order 10(3), the electorate will be the whole House. In 1999 the Procedure Committee recommended that any peer elected at a by-election in this category should not be expected to serve as a Deputy Speaker.

All Members of the House who have taken the Oath, and who are not subject to statutory disqualification, suspended from the service of the House, or on Leave of Absence, are entitled to vote in this by-election.

The 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 5pm on Monday 28 February 2011.

24 candidates have registered to stand in this by-election. A list is given below.

Statements and hustings

Candidates have been invited to indicate their party or group affiliation, and to submit candidature statements of not more than 75 words. The statements submitted are attached. A hustings event, open to all Members of the House, will take place on Wednesday 16 March 2011, at 11am, in the Robing Room. The Chairman of Committees will preside.

Voting timetable

The deadline for requesting postal votes has now passed. Ballot papers will be posted by Electoral Reform Services to those electors who have requested them on Tuesday 8 March. Completed postal ballot papers are required to be returned to the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5pm on Tuesday 22 March**. Electors returning postal ballots are requested to use the pre-addressed envelopes that will be sent out along with the ballot papers. **All other Members will be able to vote in person in the Moses Room from 10am to 8pm on Tuesday 22 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 House of Lords chamber by the Clerk of the Parliaments after oral questions on Wednesday 23 March.

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

MICHAEL POWNALL
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of candidates

Addison, V.
(Conservative)

Alexander of Tunis, E.
(Conservative)

Birdwood, L.
(Conservative)

Carlisle, E.
(Liberal Democrat)

Cromer, E.
(Crossbench)

Cromwell, L.
(Crossbench)

De Ramsey, L.
(Conservative)

Gainford, L.
(Conservative)

Hacking, L.
(Crossbench)

Hanworth, V.
(Labour)

Harrowby, E.
(Conservative)

Hill, V.
(Crossbench)

Killearn, L.
(Conservative)

Kinnoull, E. (*L. Hay*)
(Crossbench)

Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)
(Conservative)

Margadale, L.
(Conservative)

Monkswell, L.
(Labour)

Ogmore, L.
(Liberal Democrat)

Parmoor, L.
(Crossbench)

Rowallan, L.
(Conservative)

Stockton, E.
(Conservative)

Sudeley, L.
(Conservative)

Tryon, L.
(Crossbench)

Vivian, L.
(Conservative)

Candidature statements

Addison, V. (Conservative)

Having served as a Conservative working peer in the House, my attendance record and involvement in the debating chamber showed that I was, and am still, a worthy and supportive contender in the Hereditary Peers' By-election.

Alexander of Tunis, E. (Conservative)

I intend to continue to support the welfare of those serving in our country's Armed Forces and to further the interests of their dependants.

Birdwood, L. (Conservative)

I served for 37 years in the House, so am familiar with-and deeply respect-its culture, its purpose, its conventions and procedures. My energy is undiminished, while my business and academic interests continue along numerous strands. Since reform, I have answered requests to give addresses (sermons) in churches, and this has become an important part of my life. I believe I can again make a contribution of measurable value in the House.

Carlisle, E. (Liberal Democrat)

I am a Liberal Democrat sharing my party's values, while recognising that no party has a monopoly of wisdom. I support our coalition government's aim to reduce debt. We must simultaneously safeguard the most vulnerable.

If returned to serve in Parliament, I would again concentrate on Europe's future; on defence, as a former serviceman; and on hill farming, declaring an interest.

I vigorously support free admission for all to the core national museums and libraries.

Cromer, E. (Crossbench)

No statement supplied.

Cromwell, L. (Crossbench)

I seek to rejoin the Cross-benchers because they are a vital, independent and pragmatic feature of the UK legislature.

Background:

Business: mine (from UK real estate to international legal services) and others (global corporates to SMEs), including running two international Chambers of Commerce.

Finance: manage assets for personal, corporate and charitable clients at a leading UK bank.

Charitable: from field projects in Africa, Asia and CIS to director/main UK board level.

UK citizen, resident, taxpayer.

De Ramsey, L. (Conservative)

I believe my experience in agriculture, research, the environment and aid to sub-Saharan subsistence farmers, through my past and current roles including:

- President of the CLA and Royal Agricultural Society
- Chairman of the Lawes Trust/Rothamsted Research Flood Defence and Cambridge Water Co.
- Trustee of FARM Africa
- Crown Estate Commissioner
- President of Association of Drainage Authorities

would enable me to make a worthwhile contribution to the deliberations of the House.

Gainford, L. (Conservative)

No statement supplied.

Hacking, L. (Crossbench)

I am a barrister, international arbitrator and mediator, practising from London Chambers, and am a candidate in this By Election because, from my years in the House, I believe I have the experience and expertise which would be of benefit to the House. I am dedicated, in the Lords reform, to preserve the best of the present House and am ready to commit myself again to the full legislative and Committee work of the House.

Hanworth, V. (Labour)

I am currently Professor of Econometrics and Computational Statistics at the University of Leicester. I lecture in Mathematical Statistics, Econometrics and Environmental Sciences. I served in the House of Lords under the Labour Whip from 1997 to 1999. I was able to attend regularly; and I spoke on Industrial Policy, Foreign Policy, International Development, Taxation, Transport, Energy and Housing. For much of this, I was able to draw on the expertise of my academic colleagues.

Harrowby, E. (Conservative)

Born 1951, married, four children and three step-children: keeps me busy! Read Architecture (Newcastle), Land Economy (Cambridge). Fellow, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 1992. Career: commercial property development in UK, subsequently managing family estates: Staffordshire and Gloucestershire. Working with Educational issues: Governing Councils, committees, Goldsmiths University of London and Dean Close School, Cheltenham.

I also have a strong interest in architecture, the built environment, heritage and rural issues, the Midlands and its regional urban regeneration.

Hill, V. (Crossbench)

No statement supplied.

Killearn, L. (Conservative)

No statement supplied.

Kinnoull, E. (*L. Hay*) (Crossbench)

I have opted to stand as an Independent Candidate having become less than happy with some of the financial measures taken after the General Election. These include savage cut backs with the armed Services, student loans at universities and the future workings of the National Health Service.

I am 74 years old and would be free to attend and take part in the House affairs.

Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*) (Conservative)

Age 48. Career: diplomacy; law; finance; currently running private equity business in Central Asia and small working farm in Sussex. Lived and worked in UK, France, Senegal, Jordan, Russia and Dubai. Key policy interests: balancing the structural deficit; managing changing relations with Middle East and CIS; educational reform in UK to enable next generation to meet 21st Century challenges; waste management. Desire to be active working peer.

Margadale, L. (Conservative)

No statement supplied.

Monkswell, L. (Labour)

I have worked as an engineer and manager for a large multinational company; in retail and service industries and am now a self employed businessman. I have been a Manchester City Councillor and a Member of the House of Lords. I know I can make a contribution to the work of the House of Lords and, in particular, play a positive part in committee work off the floor of the House.

Ogmore, L. (Liberal Democrat)

My father and my elder brother were sitting members of the House of Lords and I should much appreciate that privilege.

Parmoor, L. (Crossbench)

No statement supplied.

Rowallan, L. (Conservative)

I was in the House from 1996 until 1999, whilst there I spoke one & a half times every week.

I introduced a Bill into the House. (Mental Health Amendment No 2 Act)

I am Patron of Depression Alliance.

I run a large equestrian and activity centre.

I am an international show jumping judge.

I am a director of several companies including British Showjumping and Chairman of a charitable Trust that runs a covenanting museum.

Stockton, E. (Conservative)

After twelve years as a journalist, thirty as a publisher, and five as a member of the European Parliament, I had the privilege of being a member of your Lordships' House from 1986 until the reform of the House of Lords.

I have run fund raising campaigns for the RNIB, the NPFA, St Mary-le-Strand, and CHICKS, (Country Holidays for Inner City Kids), been a governor of three schools and Chaired the Central London TEC.

Sudeley, L. (Conservative)

1973 – Debate on the export of historical manuscripts.

1981 – Prayer Book (Protection) Bill to uphold the Book of Common Prayer.

1999 – instrumental in the passing of bankruptcy provisions of Enterprise Act.

History of the House of Lords (300 pp, completing) drawing on 2 manuscripts (Percival, Enoch Powell).

Writes in support of British Constitution and education, much undermined today.

Intends to introduce a bill to ensure creditors cannot fraudulently enlarge claims in bankruptcies.

Tryon, L. (Crossbench)

I sat in the House for 23 years from 1976 to 1999 and always spoke acted and voted in a good independent way. Always tried to use common sense and listen to the arguments of the more sensible fellow peers rather than the mood of the moment.

Vivian, L. (Conservative)

No statement supplied.