



# HOUSE OF LORDS

## Liberal Democrat hereditary peers' by-election, April 2016: result

In the by-election following the death of Lord Avebury, three valid votes were cast. All excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Liberal Democrat group, three in total, were eligible to vote.

The election was conducted using the alternative vote system (also known as preferential voting). On the first count, of the seven candidates, one received all three first-preference votes. Therefore there were no transfers of votes.

The successful candidate was **Viscount Thurso**.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast. The left-hand column lists all candidates. The next column shows the number of first-preference votes for each candidate. An **X** in a column shows that the candidate concerned was excluded at that stage. The penultimate row shows the total number of votes at each stage—i.e. after excluding votes which could not be transferred because no further preference was marked. The last row shows the number of votes required at that stage for a candidate to be elected—i.e. half the total (rounded up if necessary).

The poll was supervised and the count was conducted by Electoral Reform Services. Lord Newby acted as scrutineer.

19 April 2016

David Beamish  
*Clerk of the Parliaments*

## Distribution of votes

	Ist preference votes
Calverley, L.	0X
Carlisle, E.	0X
Kennet, L.	0X
Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.	0X
Russell, E.	0X
Somerleyton, L.	0X
Thurso, V.	3
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE	0
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE	3
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED	2