



Labour hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Rea on 1 June 2020.

Electors

Lord Rea was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(a), among the “Two peers, elected by the Labour hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 9(6), the electorate will be the excepted Labour hereditary peers, of whom there are currently three¹ eligible to vote. A list is below.

Candidates

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

The deadline for registration of candidature was 12 noon on Wednesday 30 June. One candidate registered to stand in this by-election, listed below. The candidate was invited but not required to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; that statement is also below.

Voting timetable

This by-election will be conducted using electronic means.

An email containing full voting instructions and link to the online voting website will be sent to the parliamentary email address of each member eligible to vote around 8am on Monday 12 July from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: “Rea by-election – voting link.” The email will contain instructions on how votes can be cast online in this election. Members will be instructed to click on a link in the email which will direct them to a login page for the secure website. Members can then click through to the voting page where details of the candidates standing in the election are available. Once the Member has made their selection they will be asked to confirm their votes before submission.

Voting will take place online from 10am until 5pm on Monday 12 July. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Thursday 15 July.

No electors registered for postal votes so no ballot papers will be sent by post for this by-election.

Voting system

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. If electors wish to vote for the candidate, they should select the name of the candidate.

Results

The electronic count will be overseen by Civica Election Services.

¹ This figure comprises one hereditary peer elected by Labour hereditary peers who currently are in the Labour group; and two hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Labour group.

The result 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 Thursday 15 July 2021.

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

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SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

Elected by a party or group and sitting as Labour peers:

Grantchester, L.

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Labour peers:

Hanworth, V.

Simon, V.

List of candidates

Stansgate, V.

Candidature statement

Stansgate, V.

A Labour Party member for 44 years, I'm standing in this election to be a working Peer. I have spent my professional life developing the relationship between Science and Parliament. I'm currently Vice President of the Parliamentary & Scientific Committee and Chair of its Council. Science has never been more important to the future of this country and the world as we seek solutions to the challenges we face. I hope to continue this work. (75 words)