



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election to elect three members

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of the Earl of Selborne on 26 March 2020, the retirement of Lord Denham on 26 April 2021 and the non-attendance of Lord Selsdon during the 2019-21 Parliamentary session. The replacements for the Earl of Selborne, Lord Denham and Lord Selsdon will be elected in one ballot

Electors

The Earl of Selborne, Lord Denham and Lord Selsdon were elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(b), among the “42 peers elected by the Conservative hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 9(6), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, of whom there are currently 43¹ 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 Friday 28 May. 21 candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is below. Candidates were invited but not required to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are 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 14 June from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: “Selborne/Denham/Selsdon 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 14 June. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Thursday 17 June.

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

¹ This figure comprises 35 hereditary peers elected by Conservative hereditary peers who currently are in the Conservative group; and eight hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Conservative group.

Voting system

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. The Single Transferable Vote system will be used.

To replace the Earl of Selborne, Lord Denham and Lord Selsdon, one election, with one ballot paper, will be held to elect three hereditary peers.

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. This process is then repeated as per the explanation above for the third candidate. Even though three 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.

Results

The electronic count will be overseen by Civica Election Services.

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 17 June 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 Conservative peers:

Arran, E.	Home, E.
Ashton of Hyde, L.	Howe, E.
Astor, V.	Lindsay, E.
Astor of Hever, L.	Liverpool, E.
Attlee, E.	Lucas, L.
Bethell, L.	Mancroft, L.
Brabazon of Tara, L.	Montrose, D.
Bridgeman, V.	Moynihan, L.
Caithness, E.	Northbrook, L.
Cathcart, E.	Ridley, V.
Courtown, E.	Rotherwick, L.
Crathorne, L.	Shrewsbury, E.
De Mauley, L.	Strathclyde, L.
Dundee, E.	Swinfen, L.
Fairfax of Cameron, L.	Trefgarne, L.
Glenarthur, L.	Trenchard, V.
Goschen, V.	Younger of Leckie, V.
Henley, L.	

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:

Borwick, L.
Brougham and Vaux, L.
Colgrain, L.
Colwyn, L.
Eccles, V.
Geddes, L.
Reay, L.
Ullswater, V.

List of candidates

Abergavenny, M.
Altrincham, L.
Ashcombe, L.
Biddulph, L.
Carnarvon, E.
De La Warr, E.
Dormer, L.
Dundonald, E.
Elibank, L.
Harlech, L.
Leicester, E.
Limerick, E. (*Foxford, L.*)
Margadale, L.
Mountgarret, V. (*Mountgarret, L.*)
Napier and Ettrick, L.
Rowallan, L.
Sandhurst, L.
Stockton, E.
Strathcarron, L.
Windlesham, L.
Wrottesley, L.

Candidature statements

Abergavenny, M.

I have the time, energy and commitment to do the work needed for the House. After 15 years in shipping and finance in Hamburg, Marseille, New York and London, since 1985 I have focused on the sustainable fusion of urban and rural diversification and regeneration; advocating for social enterprise and charities; enabling small businesses and rural job creation. Served 8 years as a local councillor, 4 years as National Chairman of the Conservative Rural Forum.

Altrincham, L.

Aged 55. Member of the Conservative Party and stood for Parliament for Heywood & Middleton in Manchester in 1997. Worked for Goldman Sachs, led the rescue recapitalisation of the Royal Bank of Scotland on behalf of HM Treasury in October 2008 and now non-executive Director of the Co-Operative Bank. Live in London and would commit energetically to the House of Lords with an interest in finance and mental health.

Ashcombe, L.

Mark has a longstanding interest in politics and would very much like to support the work of the House. With an Imperial College civil engineering degree and over thirty years' experience in the insurance industry, he works for Marsh primarily in the North American energy sector. This involves patient negotiation with multiple parties. He lives in Hampshire and London, is married with two grown up sons, races on the Solent and gardens enthusiastically.

Biddulph L.

I have very much missed being part of the political process and if elected would be honoured to be an active member of your Lordships House.

Carnarvon, E.

My contribution to debates and committees in the House of Lords would be based on my experience of small business, farming, tourism and countryside/heritage matters in running and developing Highclere Estate. I have been an investor and worked in small software and technology companies. We have an international outlook to the world at Highclere via our online presence and using our IP & Trade Marks are developing new products for the US & global markets.

De La Warr, E.

Beginning in Financial Services, I now seek to continue my families long standing service in this House.

As a landowner, an organic livestock farmer, proprietor of the village pub. I built a Community Surgery and serviced as a London hospital volunteer. I am Vice President of the R.B.S.T and Chairman of the Traditional Sussex Cattle Club.

My passions are regenerative farming, conservation and the hospitality industry.
I am DL of East Sussex.

Dormer, L.

The 18th Lord Dormer, I live in Berkshire, easily commutable to Westminster. At 22, I became Chair of Jesmond Young Conservatives. In 2001, I canvassed for Boris on the doorsteps of Henley. A European and Conservative at heart, Brexit was a challenge to my politics. I stand today as a staunch supporter of our Government's Covid-19 response, and the Integrated Review. I will bring the House expertise from a career in defence and aerospace.

Dundonald, E.

I have spent the last 25 years collaborating with the genius of UK academia and commercial scientists building "Deep tech" companies and products. It is a challenging environment and it has never been more relevant than today. The UK occupies a highly competitive world; if elected, I can bring both my experience and the views of my international collaborations, to assist government thinking when dealing with complex problems that good science can help solve.

Elibank, L.

In my 35 year career, I have worked in Technology (Virgin Media), in Energy (EDF) and currently in Higher Education for Reading University . The latter two have given me considerable insight into the challenges of a sustainable future. I would relish the opportunity to work collaboratively in the Lords to tackle these issues.

I have a degree in International Relations and am a member of the Conservative Party.

Harlech, L.

Having lived and worked in North Wales and London, I feel that I have a balanced view of rural and urban matters. I have the capacity and drive to be a regular serving member of the House, if elected.

Areas of interest: Heritage, farming, housing, rural affairs, culture, media and sport.

Serving committee member: CLA Cymru, Historic Homes Wales.

Education: Eton College, Central Saint Martins

Army Reservist: The London Regiment (attested Jan 2019)

Leicester, E.

After university and six years in the army I have had a 28-year career developing sustainable

businesses in Norfolk gaining experience in agriculture, conservation, renewable energy, property, heritage, tourism and community engagement.

I have served on the boards of six charities.

I now have time to serve my country and apply this experience to the House of Lords, an institution which I believe is the most effective reforming chamber in the western world.

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

Age 58. London and Sussex based. Desire and capacity for active role in Conservative Lords.

Useful and varied career experience.

FCO with postings in Paris (ENA, first British diplomat in Quai d'Orsay), Senegal and Jordan. Fluent French, Russian. Some Spanish, Arabic and Wolof.

Infrastructure lawyer and banker in London, Moscow and Dubai.

Active investor in Georgia and Kazakhstan.

Running diversified farm including renewables, wilding, weddings, camping, MicroBrewery.

Key interests: Foreign Policy, Trade, Environment, Education, Planning

Margadale, L.

Educated at Harrow, the RAC, Cirencester. I worked in commodities before starting my own catering business. I owned and ran a small hotel before managing our family estates in Wiltshire and the Isle of Islay. Was President of Salisbury Conservative Association.

Currently chairman of Salisbury Racecourse and a DL of Wiltshire.

Proper representation of matters rural in government is vital. I believe that the successful future of Scotland lies within the Union.

Mountgarret, V. (*Mountgarret, L.*)

No statement

Napier and Ettrick, L.

I believe that my life experience as someone who has succeeded in business despite significant challenges, due to a severe hearing impairment, would enable me to make a distinctive and valuable contribution to the House. I believe that a more representative House is a stronger House, both in terms of quality of debate but also, in relation to public perception. My election could help challenge popular preconceptions and strengthen the House. Regular and diligent attendee.

Rowallan, L.

Having sat in the House in the 90s I have experience. I am involved in renewable energy and am an advisor to a large UK developer. My past experience in farming, equestrianism and mental health charity work give me a broad range of interests. I was a judge at the London Olympics. I helped at the recent Scottish Parliament Elections in Ayr & Ayrshire.

Sandhurst, L.

I practiced at the Bar as Guy Mansfield QC till retirement (2019). I was Chairman of the Bar (2005). I led the FCO's successful defence of the Kenya Emergency Group Litigation (2013-18). I sat as Recorder and Deputy High Court Judge.

I am Chair of Research of the Society of Conservative Lawyers, a Patron of Putney Conservatives and active member/canvasser.

Living in Putney I will commit fulltime and loyally. I attend the ACP every week.

Stockton, E.

Journalist and Foreign Correspondent, Glasgow Herald, Daily Telegraph.

House of Lords 1986-1999; European Parliament 1999-2004.
South Bucks District Council 2011-2016.
Director and Chairman Macmillan Publishers, landowner in Sussex and Devon.
Governor of two London secondary schools. Chairman CENTEC.
Trustee for six charities, ran appeals for RNIB and St. Mary-le-Strand.
Bi-lingual French, some Spanish.
Resident 50 minutes from Parliament by public transport. Would attend assiduously.

Strathcarron, L.

I can offer the House and Party a unique perspective in underrepresented areas: media, communications, digital and the creative industries. As the founder of Unicorn Publishing Group, and an author, I have extensive experience in intellectual property, international copyright, trademark law and digital commerce. For further background, when last seen my Wikipedia entry was accurate. I am a frequent ACP attendee and support the core Conservative values of optimism, self-sufficiency, individual freedom and free enterprise.

Windlesham, L.

If I were to be elected I would commit myself to being a working Peer, making use of my experience to improve legislation.
My main areas of expertise are project and asset finance and a current major focus is on the development of green and sustainable funding solutions.
I therefore have a clear view of what will be necessary for the Government to “Build Back Better” while meeting the commitment for Net Zero by 2050.

Wrottesley, L.

I took my seat 25 years ago, but then my relative youth meant not offering myself for election. It's time to give something back.
An Olympian, now Chair of Ice Hockey UK, and sitting on the management board of GB's best ever performing Winter Sport, Skeleton, I'm fully engaged with the voluntary sector.
A closet tree hugger, amongst other things helping manage a funeral services business seeking to make unconventional Natural Burial everyone's conventional choice.