



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Lord Luke.

Electors

Lord Luke was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(b), among the “42 peers elected by the Conservative hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Conservative group, of whom there are currently 48¹ 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 5 pm on Monday 20 July 2015. 16 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 electors by Electoral Reform Services on Wednesday 22 July 2015. 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 15 September 2015**. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with the ballot papers.

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 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.

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.

¹ This figure comprises 39 hereditary peers elected by Conservative hereditary peers who currently are in the Conservative group; and nine hereditary peers elected by the whole House who currently are in the Conservative group.

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 at a convenient moment (likely to be after oral questions) on Wednesday 16 September 2015.

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

22 July 2015

David Beamish
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

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

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:

Borwick, L.
Brougham and Vaux, L.
Colwyn, L.
Eccles, V.
Elton, L.
Geddes, L.
Lyell, L.
Skelmersdale, L.
Ullswater, V.

List of candidates

Abergavenny, M.
Ampthill, L.
Biddulph, L.
Ferrers, E.
Harrowby, E.
Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)
Massereene and Ferrard, V. (*L. Oriel*)
Middleton, L.
Mountgarret, V. (*L. Mountgarret*)
Rathcavan, L.
Rowallan, L.
Stockton, E.
Sudeley, L.
Swansea, L.
Wellington, D.
Windlesham, L.

Candidature statements

Abergavenny, M.

I have three main areas of interest:—

- I run my own businesses, farming, diversification, urban regeneration and development including events, festivals and markets.
- I work with national and local charities.
- I served as councillor for eight years and I am Vice-Chairman of Conservative Rural Action Group.

I believe this experience together with a strong bond to the local communities of Kent and Sussex gives me the ability to make a significant contribution to the House.

Amphill, L.

A Conservative health minister proposed “a National Health Service”. We should find an affordable successor model.

Why referendum passion? Parliaments must decide the great issues.

Let’s consign the word “community” to the bottom drawer. We are one, tolerant society or we are nothing.

The European adventure is not one of integration but of undoubted co-operation.

Let’s seek rigour and competition in education.

Watch out for Monsieur Chauvelin.

I have been an elected councillor since 1999.

Biddulph, L.

Older and wiser? Or never too late.

Being a member of the House of Lords was always fascinating!

It was an honour to serve.

Ferrers, E.

I have seen the needless bureaucracy and interference that emanates from government, its agencies and regulators. I co-founded an investment management firm which now employs more than 200 people and manages more than £18bn. I am a director of one of the largest not for profit care home providers. I am a farmer. The demoralising and negative impact of bureaucracy is clear. I want to help reduce this burden across the public and private sectors.

Harrowby, E.

Married, four children. Education: Architecture (Newcastle), Land Economy (Cambridge). Fellow, Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors, 1992. Career: commercial property development; managing family estates and businesses, which generate significant local employment. Work in education: Governing Councils, committees, Goldsmiths University of London and Dean Close School, Cheltenham. Senior Trustee, London-based business “incubator” charity.

I’m a committed conservative, with a strong working experience in planning, the built environment, heritage, rural issues and, vitally, the Midlands’ regional urban regeneration.

Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)

Aged 52, Edmund Limerick has worked in HM Diplomatic Service (Paris, Dakar, Amman), the law, investment banking and emerging markets private equity, including postings in Moscow and Dubai before returning to UK in 2006. Currently founder director of a security company focused on Iraq; director of a Kazakhstan oil company; and managing a rural estate in Sussex with focus on biomass, solar energy, weddings and cider. Has flat in Pimlico. Speaks French and Russian. Kitesurfs.

Massereene and Ferrard, V. (L. Oriel)

Although I am an arable farmer I feel strongly that the UK would be better off out of Europe.

At least we would be able to order our affairs ourselves and not have 75% of our laws foisted on us by unelected bureaucrats from Brussels.

Middleton, L.

Energy and experience: with a successful ongoing record of performance and innovation in private business and a strong background of public service, I believe I can make a positive difference as a Conservative peer. Through my award-winning agricultural and land management company I continuously develop new techniques in sustainable, efficient food production. I have represented the Country Land and Business Association regionally and internationally, and previously served in the Regular and Territorial Army.

Mountgarret, V. (L. Mountgarret)

The ever-changing world of politics requires more and wider views of the electorate and elected officials. Youth and vigour, married with wisdom and experience, make enviable companions. I would feel that I could be a participant of both factions, and would thus ask for a favourable commendation.

Rathcavan, L.

[No statement submitted.]

Rowallan, L.

CV of Lord Rowallan

Born 1947

Married with 4 children, 2 stepchildren and 6 grandchildren

Educated at Eton, Royal Agricultural College Cirencester

Estate Agent 1971–1992

Farmer 1977–2013

Director of companies with diverse interests—hotels, mining and developments

House of Lords 1995–1999, introduced a Mental Health Bill.

Chairman Fenwick Covenanters Trust 1977–

Interests: equestrianism, humanitarian projects, mental health and organ transplant issues

FEI International showjumping judge and judge at London 2012 Olympics.

Stockton, E.

I was a member of the Lords from 1986 until the reform of the House. I was an MEP for the South-West region for five years. Until May this year I was a member of the South Bucks District Council. My first career was as a journalist (*Glasgow Herald* and *Daily Telegraph*) then I was MD and Chairman of Macmillan Publishers. I ran farming and sporting estates in Sussex and West Devon.

Sudeley, L.

[No statement submitted.]

Swansea, L.

Public service: 12 years on Wandsworth Borough Council, holding senior committee posts covering housing, education, planning, licensing and council tax. A governor, successively, of three maintained schools in Wandsworth.

Professional career: I have run a bookkeeping business since 2013. I previously edited research reports for investment banks, and worked as a financial journalist in Hong Kong and London.

As a Chinese speaker I closely follow the affairs of China and Hong Kong.

Wellington, D.

I have aspired to serve in the Lords since I first became interested in politics. I stood for the House of Commons in 1974 and was elected to the European Parliament in 1979 for two terms. Since then I have been chairman of a life insurance company, a luxury goods company and a fund management company. I have been a Commissioner of English Heritage and am currently Chairman of the Council of King's College, London.

Windlesham, L.

If elected I would aim to use my experience as an investment banker, hedge fund manager and small business adviser to make informed contributions to the revision and scrutiny of subjects including banking reform, infrastructure investment and SME issues.

Equally importantly, recognising that there are currently 228 Conservatives out of over 700 parliamentary peers, I would endeavour to be available to vote whenever necessary to ensure that the Government can get their legislative programme through.