



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following Lord Bridges ceasing to be a member of the House of Lords.

Electors

Lord Bridges was elected under Standing Order 9(2)(i)(d), among the “28 peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers”. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2), the electorate will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 31 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 Wednesday 8 June 2016. Seventeen 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.

A hustings organised by the Convenor of the Crossbench Peers will be held in the morning of Tuesday 28 June 2016. The Convenor's office will contact candidates and electors with further details shortly.

Voting timetable

Ballot papers will be posted to electors by Electoral Reform Services on Friday 10 June 2016. Completed papers should be returned to the Office of the Clerk of the Parliaments either by post or in person by **5 pm on Monday 11 July 2016**. 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.

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 Tuesday 12 July 2016.

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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David Beamish
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

Aberdare, L.	Northbourne, L.
Baldwin of Bewdley, E.	Palmer, L.
Brookeborough, V.	Peel, E.
Clancarty, E.	Rosslyn, E.
Craigavon, V.	Russell of Liverpool, L.
Cromwell, L.	St John of Bletso, L.
Erroll, E.	Sandwich, E.
Freyberg, L.	Slim, V.
Greenway, L.	Somerset, D.
Hylton, L.	Stair, E.
Kinnoull, E.	Thurlow, L.
Listowel, E.	Trevethin and Oaksey, L.
Lytton, E.	Walpole, L.
Muntevans, L.	Waverley, V.

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Crossbench peers:

Colville of Culross, V.
Falkland, V.
Mar, C.

List of candidates

Albemarle, E.
Aldington, L.
Cadman, L.
Cork and Orrery, E. (*L. Boyle*)
Darling, L.
Hankey, L.
Hemphill, L.
Hood, V.
Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)
Massereene and Ferrard, V. (*L. Oriel*)
Napier and Ettrick, L.
Oranmore and Browne, L. (*L. Mereworth*)
Powerscourt, V. (*L. Powerscourt*)
Rutland, D.
Somerleyton, L.
Southampton, L.
Vaux of Harrowden, L.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

50 years old, recently divorced, one son. Career in design for 26 years (product, packaging, graphics and branding). Currently consult part-time as a creative director in this sector. Have lived 33 years abroad in Europe and USA. Fluent in Italian. Currently developing my land-management skill-set in East Sussex. Sat in Lords as a Crossbench peer 1986–99. Keen to rejoin the House at the nearest opportunity. Nonconformist. Optimist.

Aldington, L.

Europe and finance are my main interests. I attended INSEAD, and was chairman of Deutsche Bank, London, for eight years; both gave me insights into the EU, particularly Germany. I shall vote Stay on 23 June.

I chaired the RA's Investment and New College Development Committee and today chair Ditchley's Finance Committee.

I have no political allegiance; a home in SWI permits good attendance.

Cadman, L.

[No statement submitted.]

Cork and Orrery, E. (L. Boyle)

Specific interests: maritime affairs, disaster relief, financial services, charity governance.

Concerns: continued attrition of the armed forces; inherent dangers of Scottish independence debate; abuse of charity legislation.

Leisure: dendrology, sailing, cathedrals.

Fifteen years' Royal Navy service, culminating in submarine command; second career included trading, EU exports, logistics and shipping, providing a global experience base.

Retired from active employment and of no political allegiance, time is available to commit to the House and to the Crossbenches.

Darling, L.

I have wide experience of business and the professions, as well as the charitable and voluntary sectors—

- Rural enterprise. Chairman-elect of Nuffield Farming UK, due to host the Triennial International Conference in the UK in 2017.
- Planning. Large-scale housing development, including social housing, employment, education and recreation.
- Health. Vice-chairman of NHS Trust and chairman of Remuneration and Property sub-committees (including building a new hospital.)
- Criminal justice. Prison visitor for 19 years.

Hankey, L.

I include urban planning, conservation, the built and cultural environments, tourism development, professional services and the democratic process among my interests.

Chartered architect, founder, 1973, GHK multi-professional global practice; served governments, cities and international development agencies in the Middle East, Asia, Caribbean; chairman of committees for MoD, DoE (Eire) and Export Promotions for FCO; past President, ICOMOS-UK.

Crossbencher in HoL, 1996–99. Founder, All-Party Group on Architecture and Planning. My home is near Parliament.

Hemphill, L.

With 36 years' experience in the financial sector I believe I am in a strong position to give my time and contribute to political debate on subjects ranging from finance, education, health and the welfare state.

I am a trustee of various charities as well as being on the board of an NHS charitable trust (UCH); my eldest daughter is a surgical registrar. I am very aware of the challenges now facing the younger generation.

Hood, V.

Issues of social policy can command attention in the House of Lords. Recent examples include Lord Marks's Bill to provide rights to cohabiting couples, and Baroness Deech's Bill to limit financial claims in divorce. While my sympathies are more with the first than the second, they together demonstrate the privilege that it would be to serve on the Crossbench, providing the opportunity to influence policy and legislation in the arena of family breakdown.

Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)

Called to the Bar in 1987. Early career in the FCO: Paris, Dakar, Amman. Then solicitor/banker in Moscow, London and Dubai, before managing a Central Asia venture capital fund. Presently chairman of an internet security company with contracts in UK, Iraq, Bangladesh. Fluent Russian and French, working Arabic. Interests: cross-border security, renewable energy, low-cost housing, kitesurfing, microbrewing. Office in Millbank and flat in Pimlico. Strong BREmainer, politically centrist. Keen to play active role in Upper House.

Massereene and Ferrard, V. (L. Oriel)

I wish this country to leave the EEC. If we do so I will fully participate in the work needed to fully get out. If we remain I will accept the decision with good grace but will continue to work for eventual exit once the euro collapses.

Napier and Etrick, L.

After working for Lloyd's for 15 years, I established a landscaping business near Cambridge in 1999. I train young people in horticultural skills. I also manage some woodland in Scotland. I have a cochlear implant and I have an understanding of disabilities. I don't belong to any party. I would be a regular and diligent attendee, and I believe the House remains essential to the functioning of our democracy, for which I wish to serve.

Oranmore and Browne, L. (L. Mereworth)

I wish to inherit a seat as promised in letters patent (by the monarch). All my ancestors on both sides have served.

I am a patron of KRAN (Kent Refugee Action Network), for which I have spoken at their AGMs and Dover festivals.

At the Nehru Centre I have organised inter-faith meetings.

I reside in Westminster and can attend the House of Lords.

I have good health and am intellectually and socially active.

Powerscourt, V. (L. Powerscourt)

With 15 years' experience in national/international charities (Mercy Ships, Care for the Family, Samaritans, MIND, South Wales Psychotherapy), I'm passionate about root causes of mental and family wellbeing. I'm a BACP-registered counsellor currently in private practice. Front-line experience working in urban/rural South Wales, sometimes in significant poverty, gives me valuable insights into issues raised by the Government's emphasis on "life chances". Shaping legislation to transform these would be a priority.

Rutland, D.

When my father died in 1999 I attended the House 11 times, during April to November, before being kicked out by Mr Blair.

I can contribute and speak on quite a few subjects, from forestry to tourism. I've been involved with the ATC for 41 years and know about defence.

I have been a member of UKIP for seven years so my political views are really summed up that way.

Thank you very much.

Rutland

Somerleyton, L.

I think the hereditary peerage worth preserving and its principle creates a sense of innate commitment to the welfare of the nation. 20 years' experience and entrepreneurship in hospitality and in East Anglia (underrepresented on Crossbenches), 12 years' practical experience of rural affairs, agriculture, environment, tourism and housing. Special interests include re-wilding movement, industrial farming/animal welfare, Middle Eastern affairs/sustainable justice for Palestinians; I would expect to make a distinctive contribution in these areas.

Southampton, L.

[No statement submitted.]

Vaux of Harrowden, L.

A lifelong independent.

I have almost 30 years' international business experience, having lived and worked in the UK, Europe and Asia. For the last 15 years held senior positions in the technology sector, covering public sector, education and financial services, latterly as global head of corporate development for a \$5bn US group.

Interests in renewable energy, farming and Scotland.

It would be a privilege to be elected. Able to and intend to contribute fully.