

1 March 2017

Hereditary peers' by-election

This notice confirms the arrangements for the by-election following the death of Lord Lyell. It includes a list of candidates and candidature statements.

Electorate

Lord Lyell was one of 15 hereditary peers elected by the whole House in 1999 from among those ready to serve as Deputy Speakers or in any other office. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(3), his successor will be elected by the whole House. In 1999 the House agreed that a peer elected at a by-election in this category should not be expected to serve as a Deputy Speaker.

All members of the House who have taken the oath are eligible to vote, except those who are subject to statutory disqualification, suspended from the service of the House or on leave of absence.

Candidates

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

The deadline for registration of candidature was 5pm on Tuesday 28 February 2017.

Twenty-seven candidates registered to stand in this by-election. A list is on page 3.

Candidates were invited, but not required, to indicate a party or group affiliation, and to submit candidature statements of up to 75 words. The affiliations and statements are on pages 4–8.

Voting timetable

Voting for the by-election will be on Tuesday 21 March 2017, between 10am and 8pm in Committee Room 4.

Members who have requested a postal vote will be sent a ballot paper by Electoral Reform Services on 1 March 2017.

Any final requests for postal votes may be made to the House of Lords Journal Office by 5pm on Friday 10 March 2017. A form for requesting a postal vote was in the Lords Notice dated 7 February 2017. That Notice is available in the Printed Paper Office. Alternatively, a signed written request for a postal vote may be sent to the Journal Office, House of Lords, London SW1A 0PW.

Completed postal votes should be returned to the Clerk of the Parliaments' Office either by post or in person by 5pm on Tuesday 21 March 2017. Ballot papers received after this time will not be counted. Electors should use the pre-addressed envelopes sent with postal 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 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.

Count and result

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 22 March 2017.

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

DAVID BEAMISH
Clerk of the Parliaments



List of candidates

Abergavenny, M.
(Conservative)

Addison, V.
(Conservative)

Alexander of Tunis, E.
(Conservative)

Bethell, L.
(Conservative)

Biddulph, L.
(Conservative)

Cadman, L.
(Conservative)

Colgrain, L.
(Conservative)

Darling, L.
(Crossbench)

Gainford, L.
(No party/group affiliation declared)

Hampton, L.
(Crossbench)

Hankey, L.
(Crossbench)

Harlech, L.
(Liberal Democrat)

Harrowby, E.
(Conservative)

Hood, V.
(Crossbench)

Kennet, L.
(Liberal Democrat)

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

Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E.
(Liberal Democrat)

Macpherson of Drumochter, L.
(Conservative)

Mostyn, L.
(Crossbench)

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

Napier and Ettrick, L.
(Conservative)

Powerscourt, V. (*L. Powerscourt*)
(Crossbench)

Somerleyton, L.
(Crossbench)

Stockton, E.
(Conservative)

Strathcarron, L.
(Conservative)

Swansea, L.
(Conservative)

Windlesham, L.
(Conservative)



Candidature statements

Abergavenny, M. (Conservative)

The second son of a second son, I forged a career in shipbuilding, broking and finance in Hamburg, Marseilles, the City and Wall Street.

I offer my hands-on experience of urban regeneration; rural diversification (expanding the Eridge Estate from three residential tenants into a home for 100 businesses, 400 jobs and apprentices); insights from two terms as a district councillor; experience with charities (employment, care for disabled ex-service members and the elderly).

Addison, V. (Conservative)

Having personally farmed dairy and arable most of my life, I am still well-connected and understand the need for support to continue in all matters connected with farming the countryside and those who live and work in rural areas after “Brexit”.

As a vice president of the Council of National Parks, I follow in my grandfather’s footsteps having also spent seven years as a Conservative working peer.

Alexander of Tunis, E. (Conservative)

A return to Parliament would assist my initiative to forge a closer relationship between the House of Lords and the Institute of Directors, of which I have been a member since 2000.

Bethell, L. (Conservative)

As the founder of a successful company, I am in the position to hand over the reins and commit myself to supporting the Government in the House of Lords. If elected, I would bring my experience as an entrepreneur in the media industries, and in politics where I have worked for the US Senate, as a Conservative candidate and as a campaigner.

Biddulph, L. (Conservative)

It was an honour to sit in the House and I would be happy to serve again.

Cadman, L. (Conservative)

Lord Lyell (Charlie) took his seat aged 21 and spent much of his time in the House loyally serving his country under various prime ministers.

An engaging and interesting character, I became acquainted with him as a member of the Defence Study Group.

Although regarded with amusement in some circles, his work here showed a prime example of the quality that the hereditary peerage brought to the House.

Replacing him will be difficult.

Colgrain, L. (Conservative)

My areas of expertise and particular interest are employment and financial services, following 30 years in the financial executive search sector, and rural affairs, regeneration and diversification, as partner in a family farming and property business.

I chair two charities, am a school governor, trustee of Rochester Cathedral, president of the County Show, and was High Sheriff of Kent 2013/14. I will be able to commit as much time to the House as required.



Darling, L. (Crossbench)

- Wide experience of business and the professions, the charitable and voluntary sectors.
- Surveyor for large-scale housing development, social housing, employment, education and recreation.
- Chairman of Nuffield Farming UK, host to Triennial Nuffield International Conference in June 2017.
- Fund-raiser for social care charity, now Big Lottery funded, working with local group of surgeries and relieving bed blocking in regional hospital.
- Vice-chairman of NHS trust, chairman of Mind LMA.
- Prison visitor for 19 years.

Gainford, L. (No party/group affiliation declared)

Architect, town planner and inquiry reporter; practice in Cambridgeshire; design and construction of new towns in northern Canada; regeneration proposals in Scotland; Chief Planning Officer for Ross-shire during the “oil rush”; latterly Scottish Office inquiry reporter. Director of private companies: hydroelectricity and housing. Interests in renewable energy, climate change and modern city development. I would contribute to debates and committees where my expertise and experience may be helpful, but would not otherwise attend casually.

Hampton, L. (Crossbench)

After 25 years working in design and photography for big agencies and freelance, with a client list of big corporates and charities, I recently retrained as a secondary school teacher and now teach in a state academy in west London. I live in east London and coach junior cricket in Hackney.

Hankey, L. (Crossbench)

International conservation architect/planner RIBA, FSA, FRAI.

Member, HoL 1996–99.

President, International Council on Monuments and Sites, 2002–13; chairman, Exports Promotion Advisory Group for DTI/British Council/FCO; consultant to MoD/World Bank/ADB/UK Dioceses/English Heritage.

Professional experience: east Asia, China, Middle East, north Africa, Russia, Europe, Caribbean.

Founder, APG for Architecture and Planning.

Interests:

- Planning, city development
- Ethical democracy, good governance, devolution
- Cultural diversity and inclusion
- Relationship between Parliament and the professions
- Upgrading and conservation of Parliament’s buildings.



Harlech, L. (Liberal Democrat)

I wish to enter public service in order to stand for equality and progress. To work across parties to bring prosperity for all through long-term vision and practical action.

I have worked in the creative industries, the arts and technology services. I will also bring to the job youth, passion and commitment.

Having lived in Shropshire, north Wales and London, I have a balanced perspective on the concerns of both rural and urban society.

Harrowby, E. (Conservative)

I'm a Midlander; I would work to promote the Midlands and its urban regeneration.

I offer professional and business skills: fellow of the Royal Institution of Chartered Surveyors (1992); career in architecture, commercial property development, managing family estates/businesses with significant contribution to local economy.

Education work: governing councils, committees, Goldsmiths London University and various schools. Senior trustee, London-based business "incubator" charity.

I have extensive working experience in planning, housing, the built environment, heritage, rural issues.

Hood, V. (Crossbench)

Issues of social policy can command attention in the House of Lords. Recent examples include Lord Marks's Bill to provide rights to cohabitating 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 in the House of Lords, providing the opportunity to influence policy and legislation in the arena of family breakdown.

Kennet, L. (Liberal Democrat)

A cross-departmental body to steer the development of a viable bio/circular economy would contribute to Government objectives and UK industrial strategy. If elected, I will work to fully realise benefits which include:

- Improving economic competitiveness through science, technology and jobs
- Benefiting the environment and human health, addressing climate change, waste and pollution, renewables and energy security, and bio-diversity
- Producing social benefits by developing rural economies and global industries, and providing employment opportunities and consumer choice.

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

Age 54. London flat near Parliament. Career in FCO, law, project finance and venture capital in London with postings in Paris (ENA), Dakar, Amman, Moscow, Dubai, Kazakhstan. Speak French, Russian, Arabic, Wolof. Current positions include director of Roxi Petroleum, school governor and charitable trustee. Interests: education, renewable energy, cider making and kitesurfing.

Passionate about contributing lifetime experience in overseas commerce to make Brexit successful.



Lloyd-George of Dwyfor, E. (Liberal Democrat)

Since my early years I have had a keen and personal interest in politics, espoused with the traditions and beliefs of a Liberal.

My working life started aged 19 in shipping, finishing in political risk insurance.

If elected, I would undertake to be a regular attender and to devote my maximum time and efforts to the Liberal Democrats and to the business of the House.

Macpherson of Drumochter, L. (Conservative)

James has extensive experience in retail, hospitality, sustainable energy, land and property management.

Holding degrees in Land Economy and Business, James currently manages a Highland upland farm and runs a wood fuel business.

By giving his time as a director on the locally led development company, he uses his experience to benefit his local community. James wants to better harness his wide expertise to help drive national decisions and would be a very hard-working, effective peer.

Mostyn, L. (Crossbench)

My Lords, being only 32 years old I can bring some much-needed youth to the House. I can also be a spokesman for the under-represented north-west of England and Wales as my base is located in north Wales.

I have years of experience in local business as I run an estate that covers the length of north Wales. I am closely involved with local charities and institutions from which I can draw experience for the House.

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

Not for lack of trying, however we live in manifestly difficult and troubling times. Voices across the entire age spectrum can only serve to provide this House and the wider public with a broader sense of discussion, debate and wisdom.

Napier and Ettrick, L. (Conservative)

Aged 54. I run my own gardening firm near Cambridge as a qualified horticulturist for 17 years, training young people and encouraging them to run their own small business. I have a clear understanding of the importance of small business to the national economy. Born deaf, I am a cochlear implant recipient which enables me to hear 95% as opposed to previous 10%. I support charities for deaf, disabilities and disadvantaged. Regular and diligent attendee.

Powerscourt, V. (*L. Powerscourt*) (Crossbench)

Concerns: mental health and family wellbeing, root causes of poverty and social justice. Prevention and early intervention of family breakdown. Assessing efficacy of the treatment for mental ill-health.

Experience: over 15 years national and international charities (Mercy Ships, Care for the Family, Samaritans, MIND, South Wales Psychotherapy). Front-line experience counselling people in urban/rural south Wales, sometimes in significant poverty. BACP-registered counsellor.

Availability: currently in private practice, allowing flexibility to attend as a working peer.



Somerleyton, L. (Crossbench)

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 (under-represented 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.

Stockton, E. (Conservative)

DoB 10 October 1943; educ. École Politique, Paris; Strathclyde University. Journalist: *Glasgow Herald*, *Daily Telegraph*, *Sunday Telegraph* (Chief European Correspondent), BBC, *Toronto Star*. Book and magazine publisher: Macmillan Publishers. Member, House of Lords 1986 to House of Lords reform. M.E.P. South West 1999–2004. South Bucks district councillor 2011–16. Bilingual French, conversational Spanish.

Strathcarron, L. (Conservative)

[No statement submitted.]

Swansea, L. (Conservative)

I have managed a bookkeeping service for small businesses in Guildford since 2013. I previously edited research reports for investment banks, and was a financial journalist in Hong Kong and London.

Public service: I held senior committee posts on Wandsworth Borough Council covering housing, environmental services, planning, licensing and council tax. I was also a governor of three maintained Wandsworth schools.

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

Windleham, L. (Conservative)

I possess the ability to make an effective and significant contribution to the work of the House of Lords, not only in finance and technology which are my areas of particular interest and special expertise, but the wide range of other issues coming before the House.

I am willing and able to commit the time necessary to make an effective contribution.

I am conscientious but can be independent-minded when necessary.

