



Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election

This notice confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Lord Northbourne.

Electors

Lord Northbourne was one of the hereditary peers elected by the Crossbench hereditary peers. Therefore, under Standing Order 10(2) the voters in this by-election will be the excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group, of whom there are currently 31 eligible to vote. A list is annexed.

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 Tuesday 6 November 2018. Eleven candidates registered to stand; 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 20 November 2018. 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 Monday 12 November and the list of candidates and statements will be published on Tuesday 13 November 2018. 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 27 November 2018**. 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 Wednesday 28 November 2018.

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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Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

Aberdare, L.	Mountevans, L.
Brookeborough, V.	Palmer, L.
Clancarty, E.	Peel, E.
Cork and Orrery, E.	Rosslyn, E.
Craigavon, V.	Russell of Liverpool, L.
Cromwell, L.	St John of Bletso, L.
Devon, E.	Sandwich, E.
Erroll, E.	Slim, V.
Freyberg, L.	Somerset, D.
Greenway, L.	Stair, E.
Hylton, L.	Thurlow, L.
Kinnoull, E.	Trevethin and Oaksey, L.
Listowel, E.	Vaux of Harrowden, L.
Lytton, E.	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.
Bridges, L.
Carrington, L.
Eldon, E.
Hamilton and Brandon, D.
Limerick, E. (*Foxford, L.*)
Meston, L.
Powerscourt, V. (*Powerscourt, L.*)
Ravensdale, L.
Southampton, L.

Candidature statements

Albemarle, E.

[No candidature statement submitted.]

Aldington, L.

I followed family into banking; early career in US, HK and Germany, then 30 years in London. Now chair a digital start-up for SMEs, and Finance Committee at Ditchley, attending their policy conferences.

I would focus on supporting new businesses, particularly outside London through investment in communications, skills and communities.

I split my time between a garden in East Kent and London.

Bridges, L.

I am retiring from legal practice at the end of 2018 and am looking for a new challenge.

If elected, I will commit to regular attendance and strive to make a positive contribution.

In my legal practice I have specialised in constitutional and tax law, inward investment into the UK, and the present complexities of the Middle East.

I am interested in the arts, education and charitable support for the NHS.

Carrington, L.

Expertise

1. Knowledge and experience of the importance of foreign relations through the lengthy conduct of investment and trading businesses principally in the USA, Asia and the Middle East.

2. Corporate governance through past plc board appointments.

3. Direct involvement in farming, land management and associated organisations.

4. Promotion and funding of the arts through appointment as a Governor of the Royal Shakespeare Company.

5. County work in Bucks through appointments like Chair of Bucks Strategic Partnership and Deputy Lieutenant.

Eldon, E.

A corporate psychologist and psychotherapist with 25 years' experience advising senior leaders in business, public and charity sectors.

Warden of the Edinburgh Incorporation of Goldsmiths.

Co-Founder Wellbeing Economy Alliance (WEAll) Scotland.

Former European Chair and global board member of Mercy Corps.

Special interest areas: UK and international business; aid and international development; mental health and wellbeing; agriculture and ecology.

100% committed and able to be an active contributor to the crossbenchers.

Hamilton and Brandon, D.

I feel a strong sense of public duty and feel I have an independent frame of mind. I firmly believe in the value of our bi-cameral system and constitution. I bring my day to day experience of community work, engineering, rural economics and business. If elected, it would be an honour to serve as a member of the House of Lords and I would be committed to making a positive and effective contribution.

Limerick, E. (Foxford, L.)

Career as diplomat (Paris – ENA, Dakar, Amman), solicitor (London, Moscow) emerging markets venture capital (Moscow, London, Dubai) and fund manager for Central Asia.

Currently involved in microbrewery, charity and heritage work, and various non-exec roles, based in London and Sussex.

Fluent French & Russian. Keen kitesurfer.

Passionate about UK's role in the world during and after Brexit, education, energy, environment and intergenerational fairness. Wish to play active role in House of Lords as independent.

Meston, L.

Practising barrister from 1973 until 1999 (QC from 1996) - mainly family law. Currently a circuit judge (London based).

Active member of Lords 1984-1999, latterly a Crossbencher.

Particularly involved in Bills concerning children, domestic abuse, divorce.

Committees included EU Sub-committee A, Medical Ethics select committee, Statutory Instruments, Consolidation Bills, Personal Bills.

Believe strongly in effective scrutiny of legislation and in the value of Crossbench independence and objectivity.

Would commit fully to involvement in the Lords.

Powerscourt, V. (Powerscourt, L.)

Concerns: Prevention and early intervention of mental ill-health and family breakdown. The value of a healthy start in life (physically and psychologically) for social and economic national stability.

Experience: BACP registered counsellor/psychotherapist with experience in public sector, charity (Samaritans and MIND) and own private practice. National and international charity work with Mercy Ships (USA NGO) and Care for the Family (UK). Qualified secondary school teacher and graphic designer.

Availability: Flexible working hours.

Ravensdale, L.

A chartered engineer with 12 years' experience working on international defence and nuclear energy programmes, I am now a Project Director and Technical Lead for a leading engineering consultancy firm. I manage teams of engineers to deliver reactor engineering and technology projects for a major nuclear client.

A political independent, it would be an honour to serve and champion the Midlands in the House. I would contribute fully whilst maintaining my engineering career part-time.

Southampton, L.

[No candidature statement submitted.]