



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election

This note confirms arrangements for the by-election following the retirement of Lord Brabazon of Tara and the death of Lord Swinfen.

Electors

Lord Brabazon of Tara and Lord Swinfen 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 45¹ eligible to vote. A list is on page 3.

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 5pm on Tuesday 21 June. Twelve candidates registered to stand in this by-election; a list is on page 3. Candidates were invited to submit a written statement of up to 75 words; those statements are on pages 4 and 5.

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 Tuesday 5 July from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: “Brabazon of Tara and Swinfen 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 Tuesday 5 July. It is expected that the result will be announced in the Chamber on Wednesday 6 July.

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

¹ This figure comprises 36 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.

Voting system

The by-election will be conducted via a secret ballot. One election, with one digital ‘ballot paper’, will be held to elect two hereditary peers. The Single Transferable Vote system will be used. Voters will place the name of the candidate they most strongly support at the top of the ballot paper, then place their next most favoured candidate below, and so on. Voters may cast as many or as few votes as they wish.

In order to be elected a successful candidate must achieve the number of votes required for election. The number of votes required for election at each stage is calculated by dividing the total number of valid votes by one more than the number to be elected.

Even though two candidates are being elected, the electronic ballot paper should be marked with only one “1”, one “2”, etc.

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 Wednesday 6 July 2022.

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.

24 June 2022

SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

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

Elected by the whole House and sitting as Conservative peers:

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

List of candidates

Ashbourne, L.
Ashcombe, L.
Baillieu, L.
Balfour, E.
Biddulph, L.
Dormer, L.
Dudley, E.
Elibank, L.
Limerick, E. (*L. Foxford*)
Remnant, L.
Windlesham, L.
Wrottesley, L.

Candidature statements

Ashbourne, L.

Experienced financial professional (specialising in mining) from Naval family with a good record of attendance. Extensive media experience (used to host a show on LBC). Resident in the division bell area and a party member for three decades, but familiar with life's tribulations through a severely mentally handicapped brother and a father with multiple sclerosis. Educated at Christ's Hospital and read chemistry at Pembroke College, Oxford. Represented Ireland target shooting. Enthusiastic Cresta rider.

Ashcombe, L.

Aged 58, I am a consistent Conservative voter, member of the party and a regular attender of the ACP. With a civil engineering degree from Imperial College, I have pursued a career in insurance, primarily at Marsh, specialising in the energy sector. If elected, I would hope to apply my experience, skills and knowledge to the benefit of this House. Living in London and Hampshire I would have the time required to attend and vote.

Baillieu, L.

London based. Member of the Conservative Party. I have gained a large amount of experience having worked in banking and finance in Australia, Hong Kong, and particularly in Russia. This Russian experience could well support a diplomatic solution to the current Ukraine situation, which is now developing into a food and energy crisis.

I wish to become an active, working member of the House of Lords.

Balfour, E.

Until now I have been working full-time in international financial services and markets for 50 years which is why I have not put myself forward before. I believe my extensive experience and knowledge would be useful in the Chamber. Government policy is obviously crucial in my field and consequently I have always taken a keen interest in all aspects of that both at home and abroad.

Biddulph, L.

In the light of recent political events, it is important that the House of Lords retains its dignity and integrity. I would wish to be part of and would uphold those values.

Dormer, L.

I bring to the House, forty years' senior management experience in British engineering, and manufacturing businesses, supporting British, and International, defence programmes.

I have represented the interests of British SMEs on trade association committees, and I champion the modern engineering apprenticeship, and STEM programmes.

I have a degree in Naval Architecture, a Cranfield MBA, and an ILM diploma in leadership & management.

I live in Berkshire with my wife. I am a Conservative Party member.

Dudley, E.

[youtube.com/user/technodemic/videos](https://www.youtube.com/user/technodemic/videos)

13 new videos, since submitted for last by-election.

Elibank, L.

In my career I have worked in a variety of industries including technology and energy and I am currently working for Reading University as a fundraiser. The latter two have given me considerable insight into the challenges of a low carbon future.

I am a lifelong Conservative supporter and a member of the party and I would hope to be a diligent, effective and collegiate member of the House.

Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)

Age 59. London and Sussex based. Patron of Mid Sussex Conservatives. 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.
- Lawyer and banker in London, Moscow and Dubai financing SMEs and infrastructure.
- Former school governor and active charity trustee.
- Running diversified farm including renewables, wilding, weddings, camping, MicroBrewery.

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

Remnant, L.

Live in London and Hampshire, and am a lifelong Conservative. Worked within Government as Chairman of Shareholder Executive, director of UKFI (responsible for Government's shareholdings in the banks) and director of Northern Rock.

Currently, a non-executive director of Prudential and Severn Trent, and was recently Deputy Chair of The Takeover Panel. With reducing business interests, would commit enthusiastically to the Lords.

Other interests: countryside matters.

Windlesham, L.

Despite Covid, the war in Ukraine and the cost of living crisis the Government remains committed to achieving net zero by 2050. While the UK is a global leader in areas such as renewables there is still a long way to go and much investment is needed.

I head up sustainable strategy for a leading consultancy business which advises providers and users of asset finance how best to prepare for a greener, more sustainable future.

Wrottesley, L.

I took my seat 25 years ago, but relative youth meant not offering myself for election.

An Olympian, Chaired British Bobsleigh and Skeleton, now Chairing Ice Hockey UK, sit on the Finance Committee of the International Ice Hockey Federation, and the board of GB's best ever performing Winter Sport, British Skeleton.

A stint in Finance in the noughties, closet tree hugger, as reflected in my business interests. More broadly interested in the environment, defence, housing.