



Conservative hereditary peers' by-election

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

Electors

Lord Rotherwick was 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 46¹ 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 5 pm on Monday 14 March. Nine 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 29 March from takepart@cesvotes.com. The subject line will be: “Rotherwick 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 to 5pm on Tuesday 29 March. It is expected that the result will be announced in the chamber on Wednesday 30 March.

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

¹ This figure comprises 37 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. The Alternative Vote system will be used.

Voters will place the name of the candidate they most strongly support at the top of the digital 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, 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.

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 30 March 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

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SIMON BURTON
Clerk of the Parliaments

List of electors

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

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

Ashcombe, L.
Baillieu, L.
Biddulph, L.
Camrose, V.
Ironsides, L.
Limerick, E. (L. Foxford)
Napier and Ettrick, L.
Rowallan, L.
Windlesham, L.

Candidature statements

Ashcombe, L. Having been a regular attender of the ACP meetings, my longstanding interest in politics has been reinforced. With a civil engineering degree from Imperial College I have spent over 35 years in the insurance industry and am currently head of the Americas energy specialty at Marsh. This requires patient negotiation with multiple parties and cultures. I hope that I would be able to deploy this experience to the benefit of this House.

Baillieu, L.

On leaving the army (Coldstream Guards), I lived in Australia (17 years), Hong Kong (5 years), and Russia (23 years). My career has been in banking and finance.

Based on my experience my focus groups are:

- Armed Forces.
- Commonwealth.
- Foreign Relations.
- Banking and Finance.
- Health Care.

In each of these areas I have relevant (even current) experience. In the Ukraine - Russia situation I understand the Russian mindset, and this could support a diplomatic response.

Biddulph, L.

I would be honoured to serve the House if chosen.

Camrose, V.

Aged 52, member of the Conservative Party and life long Conservative voter. I live and work in London and would commit to voting and attending as needed. I advise businesses of all sizes on how to work more productively and adapt to change. I work with new ventures as a founder and investor and would hope to bring my expertise and energy to enhancing the public recognition of the House of Lords.

Ironside, L.

It would be my intention to take a very active interest in the House of Lords if elected. Having spent 25 years in the Lloyd's insurance market as a director of several successful companies, I have acquired plenty of experience in Big Business. For the last 20 years I have managed and run my own specialised business establishing it as a market leader in the field of classic Mercedes motor cars.

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

Napier and Ettrick, L.

As a Conservative candidate, I wish to assure you that my life experience as someone who has succeeded in business despite significant challenges, due to severe hearing impairments, would enable me to make a distinctive and valuable contribution to the House. However, having lost my son and heir apparent aged 25 on the ground of his mental illness late last August, I am able to expose how utterly flawed our NHS mental health system is.

Rowallan, L.

I feel we must do more for people on fixed incomes & in particular pensioners in these inflationary times

We need to do more for the Ukrainian people both in Ukraine & the refugees wishing to come to the UK especially if they already have family resident here.

I feel our House needs to hold internal elections amongst all political & non political groups as the hereditary peers do to better reflect General election results.

Windlesham, L.

If elected I would work hard at being a good, dedicated Conservative Peer. I would demonstrate my commitment by making a promise always to be available to vote in support of the legislative programme of the Government.

My background is a career in big-ticket asset finance and prior to that I studied electronic and electrical engineering at University. This combination gives me an ideal skill set to look at policy issues from a technical perspective.