



## **Crossbench hereditary peers' by-election, October 2022: result**

In the by-election following the retirement of the Earl of Listowel, 22 valid votes were cast. The excepted hereditary peers belonging to the Crossbench group who had taken the oath or made the affirmation to King Charles III by 13 October, 30 in total, were eligible to vote.

On the first count, of the ten candidates, six received one or more first-preference votes. There was one transfer of votes. The votes for the final two candidates were:

Lord Hampton 11 votes

Lord Meston 10 votes

The successful candidate was therefore Lord Hampton.

Overleaf are details of the votes cast for each candidate. The last row shows the number of votes required for a candidate to be elected—i.e. half the total (rounded up if necessary).

### **Note on the voting system**

- The election was conducted using the alternative vote system (also known as preferential voting).
- Under this system, voters rank in order as many candidates as they wish.
- Initially only first-preference votes are counted.
- If the vote for any one candidate equals or exceeds the votes for all the other candidates combined, that candidate is elected.
- Otherwise the votes for the candidate or candidates with fewest votes (or, in the event of a tie, fewest first-preference votes) are transferred to whichever of the continuing candidates is marked by that voter as their next available preference, and the votes thus transferred are added to the first-preference votes of those candidates. The process is repeated until one candidate has as many votes as all the other remaining candidates combined.
- Any ballot on which no further preference is marked is non-transferable.

The poll was conducted using electronic means and the count was conducted by Civica Election Services.

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### ***Distribution of votes***

<b>Candidates</b>	<b>First-preference votes</b>	<b>Stage 2</b>
Albemarle, E.	0	X
Braybrooke, L.	0	X
De Clifford, L.	1	X
Dudley, E.	0	X
Hampton, L.	9	11
Meston, L.	7	10
Monson, L.	0	X
Norwich, V.	2	X
Rochdale, V.	2	X
Walpole, L.	1	X
VOTES EXCLUDED AT EACH STAGE		1
TOTAL CONTINUING VOTES AT EACH STAGE		21
VOTES NEEDED IN ORDER TO BE ELECTED		11