



HOUSE OF LORDS APPOINTMENTS COMMISSION

PRESS NOTICE

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Prime Minister appoints new independent members to the House of Lords Appointments Commission

[The Prime Minister has appointed three new independent members](#) to the House of Lords Appointments Commission following an open recruitment exercise.

Lord (Richard) Chartres, Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle and Charles Moore will take up post on 1st June.

Rt Rev and Rt Hon Lord Richard Chartres KCVO

Lord Chartres is a Crossbench Peer and Dean of HM Chapels Royal. He is the former Bishop of London and held a number of wider roles during that time, including as Chair of the Board of Governors of the Church Commissioners.

The Lord-Lieutenant of Belfast, Mrs Fionnuala Jay-O'Boyle CBE DL

Mrs Jay-O'Boyle is the current Lord Lieutenant of the Country Borough of Belfast, a member of the Advisory Board to Hillsborough Castle, and the Vice Chair of Northern Ireland Opera. She has been involved in public and voluntary service for many years.

Charles Moore

Mr Moore is the Group Consulting Editor for the Telegraph Group, and a weekly columnist for The Daily Telegraph and The Spectator. He was previously editor of the Spectator, the Sunday Telegraph and the Daily Telegraph; and is the authorised biographer of Margaret Thatcher.

Notes to Editors

- 1. Media enquiries about the work of the House of Lords Appointments Commission should go to Maggie O'Boyle on 07880 740627.**
2. Further information on the Appointments Commission can be obtained from:
<http://lordsappointments.independent.gov.uk>

3. The House of Lords Appointments Commission is an independent non-statutory advisory body set up by the Prime Minister to make recommendations for non-party-political peerages. The Commission's remit is to find people of distinction who will bring authority and expertise to the House of Lords. The Commission recommends individuals on merit and their ability to contribute effectively to the work of the House.
4. The Commission also vets nominations for life peers, including those nominated by the UK political parties, for propriety.
5. Lord Chartres, Ms Jay-O'Boyle and Mr Moore replace Lord (Colin) Low, Sir Malcolm Ross and Gillian Peele, whose terms have come to an end. The House of Lords Appointments Commission comprises four independent members including Lord (Paul) Bew (Chair), and three members nominated by each of the three main political parties: Rt Hon Lord (David) Clark of Windermere (Labour), Baroness (Angela) Browning (Conservative) and Baroness Scott of Needham Market (Liberal Democrat). The Chairman and independent members are selected through open competition.