

GENERAL SYNOD

Lords Spiritual: Parliamentary Spokespeople

The Lords Spiritual agreed some while ago that they would each adopt two or three specific policy areas on which to focus their work in Parliament. The result of that agreement is in the attached list, which has now been circulated within the House of Lords. This is not an adoption of a formal 'front bench spokesman' model, such as those used by the political parties: bishops will continue to make parliamentary contributions across the range of issues. The intention is rather that the new model will enable the Lords Spiritual better to match their collective approach to the legislative demands of the Upper House and will make the task of liaising with parliamentary colleagues more straightforward.

William Fittall
Secretary General

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List correct as at October 2011

Bold text denotes the primary point of contact for each portfolio area.

<p><u>Children and Families (including marriage)</u> Hereford Leicester Oxford</p> <p><u>Constitutional /Political Reform</u> Chichester Gloucester Leicester</p> <p><u>Culture / Heritage</u> London Norwich</p> <p><u>Criminal Justice</u> Bristol Lichfield Liverpool</p> <p><u>Defence</u> Bath & Wells St Edmundsbury & Ipswich Wakefield</p> <p><u>Economy / Business</u> Birmingham London</p> <p><u>Education</u> Newcastle Oxford Wakefield</p> <p><u>Environment / Climate Change</u> Chester Liverpool London</p> <p><u>Europe</u> Guildford Lichfield</p> <p><u>Foreign Policy (excluding Europe)</u> Bath & Wells Birmingham St Edmundsbury & Ipswich</p>	<p><u>Health & Social Care / Medical Ethics</u> Bristol Chichester Exeter</p> <p><u>Immigration and Asylum</u> Newcastle Ripon & Leeds</p> <p><u>International Development</u> Bath & Wells Derby Exeter</p> <p><u>Local / Regional Government</u> Birmingham Gloucester</p> <p><u>Media and Communications</u> Liverpool Manchester Norwich</p> <p><u>Rural Affairs / Agriculture</u> Exeter Hereford Wakefield</p> <p><u>Science & Technology</u> Chester</p> <p><u>Urban Affairs</u> Blackburn Ripon & Leeds</p> <p><u>Voluntary Sector</u> Derby Guildford Manchester</p> <p><u>Welfare reform</u> Blackburn Leicester Ripon & Leeds</p>
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Portfolio Areas: By Bishop

Underlined text denotes that the Lord Spiritual is the primary contact for that portfolio area.

Bath & Wells: Defence; Foreign Policy; International Development

Birmingham: Economy / Business; Foreign Policy; Local / Regional Government

Blackburn: Urban Affairs; Welfare Reform

Bristol: Criminal Justice; Health & Social Care / Medical Ethics

Chester: Environment / Climate Change; Science & Technology

Chichester: Constitutional / Political reform; Health & Social Care / Medical Ethics

Derby: International Development; Voluntary Sector

Exeter: Health & Social Care; International Development; Rural Affairs / Agriculture

Gloucester: Constitutional / Political Reform; Local / regional Government

Guildford: Europe; Voluntary Sector

Hereford: Children & Families; Rural affairs / agriculture

Leicester: Children & Families; Constitutional / Political Reform; Welfare Reform

Lichfield: Criminal Justice; Europe

Liverpool: Criminal Justice; Environment / Climate Change; Media & Communications

London: Culture / Heritage; Economy / Business; Environment / Climate Change

Manchester: Media & Communications; Voluntary Sector

Newcastle: Education; Immigration & Asylum

Norwich: Culture & Heritage; Media & Communications

Oxford: Children & Families; Education

Ripon & Leeds: Immigration & Asylum; Urban Affairs; Welfare Reform

St Edmundsbury and Ipswich: Defence; Foreign Policy

Wakefield: Defence; Education; Rural Affairs / Agriculture