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PROFESSIONAL PROFILE

Experienced business and political leader with over two decades of service as a Member of Parliament. Proven track record in governance, regulatory oversight, and strategic leadership within complex environments. Adept at fostering relationships with key stakeholders, driving policy development, and championing diversity and inclusion

Confident speaker and presenter in Parliament and externally. Inspirational communicator with the ability to foster relations with colleagues

Experience in business and in leading inter-government agencies functioning within sophisticated national and international forums

Business partnering; good understanding of key drivers in businesses, strong business judgement to act as commercial partner

Stakeholder management; experienced in developing trusted relationships and influencing senior cross-functional Government stakeholders in London and across the world

Advocated within the House of Commons for the energy industry. Chair of the Parliamentary Group for Energy Studies and the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Nuclear Energy. Completed Fellowship in energy sector for Industries and Parliament Trust with major international energy company

Worked at Board level with EDF, Nuclear Industries Association, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and Magnox

Lobbied on issues relating to business, taxation and banking industry. Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Taxation and on Open Banking and Payments (Fintech Unicorns)

Worked with Boards and senior decision makers at national and international companies such as Salamanca Group, TATA, BAE Systems Refresco Gerber (Ocean Spray), Müller, Morrisons Supermarkets and Mulberry

Former Major in the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Worked at Army Land Command with responsibility for Military Training Land and Army Ranges

EXPERTISE

- **Leadership and Governance:** Extensive experience in chairing committees and leading strategic initiatives within large international organisations at the equivalent of Board level
 - **Political and Public Affairs:** Deep understanding of political processes, regulatory frameworks, and public affairs strategies
- **Stakeholder Management:** Proven ability to engage with and influence stakeholders at all levels
- **Strategic Planning and Development:** Expertise in developing and implementing strategic plans to drive growth and sustainability
- **Communication and Advocacy:** Strong communication skills, with experience in advocacy and media representation

PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Post Parliamentary Career: August 2024 –

- Managing Director/Operations Director at Sovereign Strategy, 10 Bloomsbury Way, London, WC1A 2SL. The position is not full time.

Member of Parliament: May 2001 to July 2024:

- First Elected to serve Bridgwater and West Somerset in May 2001.
Then continued to serve through constituency name and boundary changes. Elected six times.
- Stood in the 2024 General Election in new Tiverton and Minehead constituency.

Constituency Achievements:

- Working with Chair of Salamanca Group and Government helped draw TATA to finalise plans to construct a battery factory at the old Royal Ordnance site, a £5 billion project
- Parliamentary liaison on the team which successfully worked to bring the first new nuclear build in a generation to Somerset: Hinkley Point C Nuclear Power Station, a £25 billion project. This involved dealing with all levels of government from Prime Minister to local councillors to Board and Senior Management at EDF and the Nuclear Industries Authority
- Continued to work with EDF to liaise with local communities and Government during the construction of Hinkley C, including ensuring the build was classed as critical and continued through the Coronavirus pandemic lockdowns
- Successfully lobbied and was part of the team to secure £119 million for a flood prevention barrage on the River Parrett to protect Bridgwater and the Somerset Levels.
- Led negotiations with central government to secure £50 million for flood defence work on the Somerset Levels
- Worked with Magnox, Nuclear Decommissioning Authority and others to bring about the successful and safe decommissioning of Hinkley Point A Nuclear Power Station
- Part of successful team that lobbied for National Nuclear Skills Academy to build its Southern Training Hub in the constituency
- Part of team which brought Morrisons Supermarkets' South West Distribution Hub to area
- Secured funding for three new senior schools as well as Education Opportunities Fund monies
- Collaborated to persuade Chair and Board of Mulberry to move production of its luxury goods to the constituency
- Part of successful bid by Bridgwater to secure £23 million in funding for Bridgwater Town Deal for 11 town enhancement projects
- Parliamentary liaison on successful bid for £20 million for a new Somerset Academy for Specialist Health & Social Care Training in the constituency
- Obtained funding for two new hospitals
- Part of team that helped persuade Müller (formerly Müller Wiseman Dairies) to locate and build its new milk processing and distribution centre for the South West in the constituency.
- Helped bring one of the largest livestock markets in the UK to former constituency
- Part of team involved in relocation of Refresco Gerbers in Bridgwater. Collaborated with company to ensure that Ocean Spray remained a key client
- Worked with BAE Systems on issues relating to their Royal Ordnance Factory site

Select Committee Work in Parliament:

Sat on a number of Select Committees during career in the House of Commons, covering topics from Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs to Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy and Public Administration. Appointed to several over two Parliaments.

- 2020 - 2024: International Development Committee
- 2017 - 2019 Business, Energy, and Industrial Strategy
- 2010 - 2016 Speakers Advisory Committee on Works of Art
- 2010 - 2017 Statutory Instruments (Select Committee)
- 2010 - 2017 Statutory Instruments (Joint Committee)
- 2007 - 2010 Environmental Audit Committee
- 2005 - 2007 Crossrail Bill (Joint Committee with Lords). The Bill which delivered approval for a major infrastructure project for the new Elizabeth Line on London Underground.
- 2005 - 2007 Constitutional Affairs
- 2003 –2005 Environmental, Food and Rural Affairs Committee
- 2002 - 2005 Scottish Affairs Committee
- 2001 – 2010 Public Administration

Parliamentary Assembly of the Council of Europe 2010 to November 2024

The Council, one of Europe's oldest human rights organisations, was created in 1949 to safeguard democracy and the rule of law. It predates the European Union and currently has 46 member states. Its parliamentary assembly (PACE) is composed of politicians from member countries' national parliaments. (<https://pace.coe.int/en>)

- Appointed by successive Prime Ministers to serve as a Westminster Parliamentary representative on the Council of Europe
- President of the Conservative Group and Member of the Bureau of the Assembly, the Presidential Committee, and the Assembly's Standing Committee, and eight other committees
- Responsible for the drawing up of a new Code of Conduct following an investigation into allegations of corruption and cash and gifts for votes involving members and staff of the Council, which made international headlines
- Involved in the election of a new President of the Council and issues relating to the European Court of Human Rights including the election of judges to it
- Electoral monitoring in locations including Morocco and Azerbaijan
- Rapporteur of reports on impact of Covid across the whole of the Council of Europe
- Member of the Presidential Committee which led to the expulsion of Russia from the Council following its invasion of Ukraine in 2022 and has worked to ensure it is not readmitted
- As President of a political group and Member of the Bureau participated in international meetings and briefings between the Parliamentary Assembly of Europe and Government Ministers from its Member States.
- Worked with the Permanent Representative of the United Kingdom (Ambassador) to the Council of Europe to uphold the interests of the UK and its Government, including briefing Foreign Office Ministers and others.

Commonwealth Parliamentary Association (CPA)

2005 to July 2024

One of the oldest organisations in the Commonwealth. Founded in 1911, it brings together Members, irrespective of gender, race, religion, or culture, united by community of interest, respect for the rule of law and individual rights and freedoms, and the pursuit of the positive ideals of parliamentary democracy. Draws members from over 180 Legislatures (or Branches) in 53 countries divided up between nine geographic regions of the Commonwealth. www.cpahq.org

- Chairperson of the International CPA Executive Committee (April 2021 to July 2024). A position that would equate to being the Chair of the Board of an international company with the decision making involved whilst fostering international parliamentary relations
- Chairperson of CPA UK in Westminster (2015-17 and 2020-2022)
- Responsible for the International Secretary-General's and UK Secretary's annual appraisals
- Led a series of virtual meetings on the themes of Diversity, Inclusion and Sport in the Commonwealth
- Chairperson of the Executive Committee and the Finance, Audit and Remuneration Committee meetings, included working to put together a new Business Plan
- During Chairmanship appointed a new Secretary for CPA UK
- Visited counterparts in Australia and persuaded them to remain within the CPA and took part in UK bilateral visits
- Ran a series of focus groups designed to better define and set targets for achieving CPA UK's current strategy in line with its mission statement
- Founded an Alumni system for the international organisation
- Founded the CPA Parliamentary Academy – a Working Group on Governance.
- Set the agendas for the Annual Conference and Half Yearly Executive Meetings. Included a Main Executive Committee, as well as sub-committees on Finance; Audit; and Planning and Review.
- Attended Commonwealth Regional Conferences across Africa, North America, Caribbean, Australia, Europe, and India
- Kept an international organisation with members from 180 legislatures in 53 countries in nine geographic regions operating and communicating during the Covid pandemic.

Inter Parliamentary Union (IPU)

2010 to May 2024

A global organization of national parliaments with 180 Members, including the United Kingdom, taken from every continent. Its headquarters are in Geneva. Its mission is to work with parliamentarians to promote democratic governance, institutions, and values. It concentrates on peace, democracy, human rights, climate action, sustainable development, gender equality, and youth empowerment through dialogue, co-operation, and parliamentary action. <https://www.ipu.org/>

- Vice President of the International Steering Group for the IPU (2015-17)
- Vice Chair of the British Group of the IPU in Westminster (2015 to 2021)
- As a member of the Executive Committee was involved in the management and direction of the British Group and took part in selecting suitable parliamentarians to take part in delegations participating in visits and international assemblies, finding a balance for the delegation based on party, gender, special interests, parliamentary experience and Commons/Lords membership
- Responsible for steering the IPU and putting together the themes and agendas for its assemblies
- Identifying candidates for its key roles within the IPU
- Played a key role in the election of a new President of the organization

Other activities related to Parliamentary work

- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Taxation and on Open Banking and Payments (Fintech Unicorns)
- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Groups on Nuclear Energy and Energy Studies
- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on the Pharmaceutical Industry
- Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Respiratory Health
- Vice Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Child Health and Vaccination Against Preventable Diseases (GAVI)
- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Gardening and Horticulture
- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Cider Industry
- Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group on Digital Communications
- Member of the British American Parliamentary Group
- Member of the Conservative Party Parliamentary Backbench Policy Advisory Committees on Foreign Affairs; Defence; and Agriculture and the Environment
- Completed placements with the RAF at graduate and post graduate level with the Armed Forces Parliamentary Scheme
- Undertook a successful fellowship specialising in the energy industry with the Industries and Parliament Trust working with Total and others
- Over the last 10 years visited USA annually to take part in the EDGE Conference (formerly the CES Government Conference) in Las Vegas and speak on topics such as taxation, defence, cyber security, energy matters, trade and international relationships
- Developed and has been part of a working relationship with Will Marshall and Lindsay Mark Lewis at the Progressive Policy Institute (PPI) in Washington DC
- Visited Washington DC and Canada on a number of occasions to speak at and participate in conferences and seminars organised by them on such subjects as taxation and tax filing, energy, trade and international co-operation
- Met with and taken part in meetings and seminars with Senators and Members of Congress

Pre-Parliamentary Career:

1979 to 2001

- Worked as a consultant to Army Land Command HQ in Salisbury and to the MOD in London. Held particular responsibility for military training land liaising with local landowners, communities and businesses about their concerns. Involved in dealing with local authorities and national parks on matters relating to training facilities and firing ranges. Part of the MOD team which secured planning for the military training site at Otterburn.
- PA to the Brigadier commanding the Territorial Army, Brig Professor Richard Holmes, CBE, TD
- Commissioned into the Territorial Army in the 6th Battalion of the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers. Attained the rank of Major
- Ran a 250-acre farm in the Scottish Borders from 1980-85
- Managing Director of Grainger Newcastle Properties, a property management and development company in Newcastle-upon-Tyne managing a significant portfolio of property
- Worked at Stanley Miller plc, a building company involved in medium sized construction projects in the Newcastle-upon-Tyne and Tyne and Wear area
- Involved with Macmillan Cancer

