

# News story: New ministerial appointment June 2017: Leader of the House of Commons

The Rt Hon Andrea Leadsom MP has been appointed Lord President of the Privy Council and Leader of the House of Commons.

Andrea Leadsom said:

“I am delighted to have been appointed as Lord President and Leader of the House of Commons in what is an historic period for our Parliament.

“I am optimistic about our prospects as the UK prepares to leave the European Union and plan to work diligently to ensure the Government can successfully bring in its new legislative programme.

“It is incumbent on all parliamentarians that we do so in a spirit of national unity – openly discussing our disagreements while working hard to resolve our differences in the best interests of the country. I look forward to working across party lines on this basis.

“As we anticipate the return of significant powers from the European Union to the Palace of Westminster, we will show the world why our democracy is so valuable and so important in helping provide fairness and opportunity for everyone.”

Also confirmed is the reappointment of Michael Ellis MP as Deputy Leader of the House of Commons.

Michael Ellis said:

“I am very pleased to return as Deputy Leader, a role I have greatly enjoyed and continue to relish.

“The Government is always committed to listening carefully to Parliament’s views and we will continue to do just that in the years ahead.”