

Candidates Standing for Election 2020



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CATHERINE MCKINNELL MP (Election 1st Term)

Catherine was first elected as the Labour MP for Newcastle upon Tyne North in May 2010. Prior to entering Parliament she worked as an employment solicitor. She has served in various Shadow Ministerial roles including Shadow Solicitor General (2010-2011); Shadow Minister for Children & Young Families (2011-2012); Shadow Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury (2012-2015); and Shadow Attorney General (2015-2016). Catherine has served on the House of Commons Political and Constitutional Reform Committee, the Education Select Committee, and the Treasury Select Committee. She is currently the Chair of the Petitions Committee. Catherine is involved with several APPGs including chairing the East Coast Mainline group, Northern Powerhouse, Sustainable Aviation and CAFOD. Her policy interests include regional development and the economy, manufacturing, children and young people, and international development.



CHRIS MATHESON MP (Election 1st Term)

Christian Matheson is the Member of Parliament for the City of Chester. He was first elected in May 2015, winning the constituency for the Labour Party. Chris grew up in rural Cheshire and now lives in Hoole with his family. He has a degree from the London School of Economics and previously worked as a manager in the electricity industry and as a trade union official in the Unite union. He is passionate about promoting the city and he is a keen fan of the local football team. In Parliament, Chris previously served on the DCMS select committee and he is now Shadow Minister for the Cabinet Office and Chair of the All-Party Parliamentary Group for Aerospace.