



## THE PRESIDENT AND OTHER VIPs

### ELECTION OF PRESIDENT

Article 7 of the Articles of Association at Appendix 6 refers to the Patron. Article 7.2 states that the Council may appoint and remove at any time any Patron as President of the Company and on such terms as it shall think fit. In practice, this appointment is made by approval of the Council rather than by way of a formal election procedure.

### PRESIDENT AND VIPs

The Council members may appoint a Patron of the organisation who is known as the President. The current Honorary President (appointed in 2007) is Lord Carnwath. Lord Carnwath's role is as figurehead of the organisation and he can speak at meetings (but not vote as the President is not a UKELA member). There is no term of office for the President and the Council may appoint and remove at any time any patron as President on such terms as they think fit.

### OTHER PATRONS

UKELA has agreed the principle of having some high profile people (e.g. senior figures in the legal world, parliamentarians, media figures, senior business people) to help raise the profile. The current UKELA Patrons are listed on our [website](#).

The UKELA Patron team helps the charity in the following ways:

- To help with introductions to other influential people
- To promote UKELA's agenda in order to influence the development of environmental law
- Hosting events and speaking at them
- Providing guidance on tactics and important issues
- Ability to use network of contacts to assist with UKELA's fundraising objectives

The Patrons are people with a clear interest in environmental issues and who would be those able to help UKELA with its work: Judges; Regulators; Academics; those with political influence; journalists and broadcasters; those with a high profile in the environmental field and/or significant environmental experience or expertise; people able to help with fundraising.

The President will advise on suitable candidates, who will be offered a fixed term of office rather than an open-ended commitment. The work of all Patrons will be kept under review by Council.

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