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Appointment of Sikh Lord

The recent announcement of new Lords to be appointed includes a Sikh businessman, Ranbir Singh Suri, nominated by the Prime Minister David Cameron.

The Sikh Council UK has long campaigned for an increase in Sikh representation at all levels of UK civic society. This requires individual Sikhs to be more proactive in engaging in civic structures but also requires those in positions of patronage to ensure Sikhs are nominated to positions in proportion to the Sikh population.

Conservative nominee, Ranbir Singh Suri will join practicing Sikh, Lord Indarjit Singh who sits as a Crossbencher.

Secretary General of the Sikh Council UK, Gurmel Singh said, "Whilst the appointment of another Sikh Lord is to be welcomed there is so much more for all political parties to do to ensure proportionate Sikh representation in Parliament. The Sikh Council UK has previously had no official contact with Ranbir Singh Suri, but we look forward to meeting and hopefully working with him soon."

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Notes for Editors

The Sikh Council UK (SCUK) is the largest representative body of Sikhs in the UK. We are recognised as the national advocate for British Sikhs in the United Kingdom and at the European Union.

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