

Biography

David Ruffley MP

David Ruffley MP graduated from Cambridge University in law having also read economic history. He worked at Clifford Chance, the City of London solicitors from 1985 to 1991. In 1991 he became Special Adviser to Rt. Hon Kenneth Clarke MP when he was Secretary of State for Education and Science 1991-92, then Home Secretary 1992-93 and finally Chancellor of the Exchequer from 1993 to 1996. Mr Ruffley then became strategic economic consultant to the Conservative Party in 1996-97, and in 1997 was elected as a Member of Parliament for Bury St Edmunds.

Since being elected, David has sat on the Public Administration Committee and the influential Treasury Select Committee where he gained a national reputation for his forensic cross examinations of the then Chancellor of the Exchequer Gordon Brown. Following a move to the Opposition Whip's Office where he was a Treasury Whip, David was then appointed Shadow Minister for Welfare Reform by David Cameron.

In July 2007 David was promoted to be the new Shadow Minister for Police Reform. In this role, David Cameron has tasked him with holding the Government to account on crime figures, police performance, police red tape, counter terrorism, antisocial behaviour, and knife and gun crime.