

# Petition to the Court of Common Council City of London

## Disenfranchisement of resident electors

We, the undersigned residents of the City of London, declare that we have no confidence in the City Corporation's current "standards" policy and practice.

We petition the Court of Common Council to make immediate and fundamental reforms so that:

- our elected representatives are free to speak and vote on our behalf, including on matters in which they have a declared interest (unless the matter uniquely or especially affects them), so that we have the same level of representation as residents of other local authorities; and
- our elected representatives do not feel intimidated into not speaking or voting on matters that affect us because they fear referral by the Corporation to a complaints process that has proved to be not fit for purpose – or worse, referral to the police - simply because they have a declared interest in a matter, even though they can derive no financial benefit from it.