



Standards Committee

Date: FRIDAY, 3 MAY 2019

Time: 11.00 am

Venue: COMMITTEE ROOMS

14. ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT

- **PETITION OF RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF LONDON REGARDING THE CITY CORPORATION'S CURRENT "STANDARDS" POLICY AND PRACTICE**

Report of the Town Clerk.

For Decision
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Item received too late for circulation in conjunction with the Agenda.

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Town Clerk and Chief Executive

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| Committee: Standards Committee | Dated: 3 May 2019 |
| Subject: Petition of residents of the City of London regarding the City Corporation's current "standards" policy and practice. | Public |
| Report of: The Town Clerk | For Decision |
| Report author: Gemma Stokley, Senior Committee and Members' Services Officer | |

Summary

At its meeting of 25 April 2019, your Court of Common Council received a petition from residents of the City of London, regarding the City Corporation's current "standards" policy and practice. The petition was referred to the Standards Committee for consideration and is appended to this report.

Recommendation

Members are asked to consider the petition.

Main Report

Background

1. At its meeting of 25 April 2019, your Court of Common Council received a petition from residents of the City of London, regarding the City Corporation's current "standards" policy and practice.

Summary

2. The Court of Common Council referred the petition to the Standards Committee for their consideration.

Conclusion

3. Members are asked to consider the petition appended to this report.

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Petition –
Presented by Graeme Harrower

To be presented on Thursday, 25th April 2019

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Petition:-

“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 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 complains 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.”

[Number of signatures indicated as appended to the Petition at the time of receipt by the Town Clerk’s Office: 1122]

Member presenting the Petition, pursuant to Standing Order No. 20:-

Graeme Harrower

(Ward of Bassishaw)

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