

Motion A–
by Graeme Harrower

To be presented on Thursday, 6th December 2018

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

Motion:-

“That this Honourable Court resolves to instruct the Town Clerk to convene, by 20 December 2018, a working party which is:

(a) to consist of:

- i. up to five Members of this Court:
 - one of whom is to be the Chairman;
 - who do not sit on the Standards Committee;
 - who include Members representing residential and business wards;
 - a majority of whom are legally qualified; and
 - who may also be members of a working party considering the reform of proceedings for alleged breaches of the Code of Conduct;
- ii. one representative of the Barbican Association, one representative of Golden Lane Estate Residents Association, and one person representing collectively all the smaller City residents’ associations (including Petticoat Square and Mansell Street); and
- iii. two officers appointed by the Town Clerk;

(b) to consider an interpretation of “pecuniary interest” in paragraph 13 of the Code of Conduct that has regard to:

- i. the purpose of the corresponding provision (section 31) of the Localism Act 2011;
- ii. the expectations of residents that they will be represented by those whom they have elected; and
- iii. the expectations of the general public as regards Members’ business and non-business (such as livery company) interests;

in order to inform an appropriate dispensations policy;

(c) to obtain such advice as the working party may consider appropriate from one or more Queen’s Counsel who have expertise in administrative law and who have not previously been instructed on behalf of the Corporation, and to commission research on the dispensation policies of other local authorities; and

(d) to report its recommendations to this Court for consideration at its meeting in March 2019.”

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(3):-

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