Motion – by Leyla Boulton

To be presented on Thursday 9th October 2025

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

Motion:-

"Given:

That everywhere else in the United Kingdom, rolling electoral registers allow new electors to be added monthly, ensuring registers remain up to date and inclusive;

That the City of London is the only place in the country where this system does not apply, with the electoral register updated only once a year;

That a lack of rolling registers means that any number of new constituents can be disenfranchised and any number who have left a ward can still vote there, undermining democracy;

That an unnecessary bureaucratic burden is imposed on businesses, which must draw up new voter lists every year instead of simply adding and removing voters as the need arises; and

That the electoral services department already maintains a rolling register for residents as part of its obligations for parliamentary elections.

This Honourable Court resolves:-

To instruct officers to bring forward a report to the Policy & Resources Committee setting out the necessary steps to achieve legislative change at the earliest opportunity to introduce rolling electoral registration in the City of London Corporation."

Signatories to the Motion, pursuant to Standing Order 12(2) and 12(3):-

Leyla Boulton (Mover)

Mercy Haggerty (Seconder)

Mark Wheatley

Deputy Anne Corbett

Sandra Jenner

Adam Hogg

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