

## COMMON COUNCIL VACANCY

### GUIDANCE TO QUALIFICATION

1. To qualify for the office of Common Councillor a person must at the date of nomination, and at the date of election, be:
  - a Freeman of the City of London<sup>1</sup>
  - aged 18 years or over
  - a British subject (British or Commonwealth citizen), or a citizen of the Republic of Ireland, or a citizen of another member state of the European Union

**and** must either
2. (a) be registered on the City of London Ward Lists<sup>2</sup>, **or**
  - (b) own freehold or leasehold land in the City (*if the land is leasehold and is held on a joint tenancy, the maximum number of joint tenants who can qualify is four*) **or**
  - (c) have resided in the City for 12 months preceding the date of nomination, and intends to reside here until the date of election
3. Not be disqualified for any other reason, for example, by reason of bankruptcy or on conviction of fraud or any crime for which a prison sentence has been imposed.

---

<sup>1</sup> For more information on becoming a Freeman of the City of London, please contact the Chamberlains' Court on 020 7332 3055 or visit [http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure\\_heritage/freedom\\_of\\_city/](http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/Corporation/leisure_heritage/freedom_of_city/)

<sup>2</sup> The Ward Lists is the register used for elections of Common Councillors and Alderman in the City of London. Registration for the lists occurs annually during the autumn and during this time, residents, sole traders, equity partners in firms and nominated voters from other organisations who are physically located in the City can register (if eligible) by completing a form. The Lists are published on 16<sup>th</sup> February annually and are valid for one year. If you are not currently registered on the Lists, or want to check an entry, please contact the Electoral Services Office on 0800 587 5537.