

## PROMOTING INTEGRITY, ENSURING SECURITY

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To restore trust, our next Prime Minister must defend both the integrity of public life and the security of our country.

Britain's reputation for the rule of law and stable, fair governance has long been one of its greatest assets. It has made us a reliable ally on the global stage and a place to do business with confidence. Yet **Britain's enemies have sought to undermine these strengths, exploiting failures of integrity in Westminster and the City** to weaken the very institutions upon which our democracy and economy depend. Putin's further invasion of Ukraine has cast fresh light on the ways in which the stolen wealth of his allies has washed through the capital.

**There is now an opportunity to show leadership with integrity and build trust.**

With the right leadership, standards in Government and Parliament could be raised, and the flow of dirty money through our economy stemmed. In doing so, the next leader of the Conservative Party can make it clear to our allies and the country that Britain remains dependable, secure, and ready to stand up for its values.

### KEY RECOMMENDATIONS

- **Standards bodies should be placed on a statutory footing to restore trust in the conduct of politicians**, including the Ministerial Code, the Advisory Committee on Business Appointments (ACoBA), and the Independent Adviser on Ministerial Interests, in line with the recommendations made by the Committee on Standards in Public Life (CSPL).
- **Rules around lobbying should be tightened to limit the ability of repressive regimes to unduly influence British politics** by prohibiting paid political consultancies for Parliamentarians, restricting the sources of funding for Parliamentarians' overseas visits, and implementing the recommendations on lobbying made in reviews by Nigel Boardman and CSPL.
- **Stem the flow of dirty money through our economy** by giving Companies House the powers it needs to stop the abuse of British companies, ensuring law enforcement agencies can hold wrongdoers to account, and radically overhauling the oversight bodies that keep tabs on those who enable money laundering.

To demonstrate their leadership, prospective Prime Ministers should publish their intended foreword to the Ministerial Code as part of their campaign and commit to appointing an influential Anti-Corruption Champion.

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