

LOCAL GOVERNMENT INFORMATION UNIT  
NEWS RELEASE  
RELEASE IMMEDIATE: 8 November 2004

### **Ton up for public service campaign**

More than 100 Members of Parliaments have registered their support for the Local Government Information Unit's (LGIU) campaign promoting public service.

Clive Betts, MP for Sheffield Attercliffe, recently tabled a House of Commons Early Day Motion (EDM) supporting the aims of the LGIU's 'Perilous Democracy' campaign. The motion reads:

"That this House values the importance of public service by councillors, school governors, magistrates and other community representatives; recognises the need for further support for public service; and welcomes the Local Government Information Unit's call for the Government to introduce measures to attract, encourage and support more people, including those from under-represented groups, to consider standing for election and public office, and to ensure that local public service is valued, open and accessible for all."

Today (Monday 8 November) the number of MPs supporting the EDM stood at 107. This included signatories from all the main political parties and a number of frontbench MPs.