

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 18th October 2018

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

(a) Local Government Association – Culture Tourism and Sports Conference Dinner

The Local Government Association (LGA) is the national membership body for over 400 local authorities in England and Wales. The City Corporation has been a member of the LGA since its inception in 1997. It is a valuable source of information and best practice and all Members of Common Council have access to its services.

The LGA is holding a conference on Culture, Tourism and Sport in London on 5-6th March 2019. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a dinner at the end of the first day of the conference. The second day of the conference is at Guildhall.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

(b) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Breakfast for the King and Queen of the Netherlands

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host a breakfast for the King and Queen of the Netherlands.

At the invitation of Her Majesty The Queen, His Majesty King Willem-Alexander of the Netherlands, accompanied by Her Majesty Queen Maxima, will pay a two-day State Visit to the United Kingdom in October 2018.

The Netherlands State Visit is much shorter than previous State Visits. Notwithstanding this, the City Corporation has sought to make a substantial contribution to the programme.

Approval was sought for hospitality to be granted for a breakfast for up to 80 guests in the Old Ballroom at Mansion House in the presence of Their Majesties on the second day of the visit, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters. The Department for International Trade is arranging that, following the breakfast, the King will tour an innovation showcase presented by relevant businesses.

The host element would be the Chief Commoner, Chairman, Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee and Members with Netherland connections and relevant business interests.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 18 October 2018 would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place for this event. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures and it is **recommended** that the urgent action be noted.

(c) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Tokyo Metropolitan Government Dinner

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host a dinner for a visiting delegation from Tokyo Metropolitan Government

A delegation from Tokyo Metropolitan Government is expected to visit the UK between 30 October and 1 November 2018. The purpose of the visit is to further engagement between Japan and the UK, focusing on developing trading and business relations. In December 2017, the City Corporation signed a MoU with the Tokyo Metropolitan Government to support Tokyo's ambition to become a global financial centre.

Approval was sought for hospitality to be granted for a dinner, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

The host element would be Public Relations and Economic Development Sub Committee, Chief Commoner and Chief Commoner Elect and Members with relevant business interests.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 18 October 2018 would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place for this event. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures and it is **recommended** that the urgent action be noted.

All of which we submit to the judgement of this Honourable Court.

DATED this 11th day of September 2018

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

John George Stewart Scott, J.P.
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party