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Summary

This report has been prepared to update Members on key elements of the Corporate Affairs team's activity in support of the City of London Corporation's external political engagement and corporate communications.

The updates covered in this report span the period since the last meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub Committee on 9 October 2018 until 29 October. Updates within the period of 30 October and 14 November have, at the time of writing, yet to take place, and have therefore been listed as planned activities.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

The Corporate Affairs update is presented thematically.

Domestic Engagement

On 16 October the Policy Chairman met with William Vereker, the Prime Minister's Special Envoy for Business, where matters relating to the City Corporation's business engagement, Brexit and the technology sector's prospects were discussed.

On 17 October the Policy Chairman met with Cllr Ian Watts, Leader of Islington Council, as well as other senior representatives from Islington Council, where cooperation in areas of mutual interest were discussed.

On 26 October the Policy Chairman met with Cllr Darren Rodwell, Leader of Barking and Dagenham Council, where cooperation in areas of mutual interest were discussed.

On 29 October the Policy Chairman met with Tom Brake MP, Liberal Democrat Spokesperson for Exiting the European Union, where matters relating to Brexit were discussed.

On 30 October Lord Alistair Darling, former Chancellor of the Exchequer, will be speaking at Guildhall. The Policy Chairman will be deputised by Tom Sleight, Vice Chairman of Policy and Resources.

International Engagement

On 15 October the Policy Chairman spoke at the London & Partners Official Reception in Frankfurt, Germany, alongside Rajesh Agrawal, Deputy Mayor of London for Business. Mr Agrawal used his remarks to promote London business, while the Policy Chairman spoke about regulatory issues, the importance of collaborating with Frankfurt, and the importance of cities, with London as a prime example of a global capital city that has and will continue to adapt to change.

On 31 October the Policy Chairman attended the dinner with the Governor of Tokyo, Yuriko Koike, for which Corporate Affairs prepared the Policy Chairman's closing remarks.

Speeches

On 9 October the Policy Chairman spoke at the Royal College of Defence Studies, where a broad history of London and the City's role within it was provided.

On 17 October the Policy Chairman took part in a question and answer session regarding Brexit at the Board Lunch of the Personal Investment Management and Financial Advice Association (PIMFA).

On 8 November the Policy Chairman will be speaking at the Cumberland Lodge Financial Services Summit, organised by the Centre for Europe, a think tank, at which Sir Ivan Rogers, former Permanent Representative of the UK to the EU; Olivier Guersent, Director General of Financial Stability, European Commission; and Yves Mersch, Member of the Executive Board, European Central Bank, amongst others, will be present.

On 8 November the Policy Chairman will be speaking at the Business of Trust Reception, to be held at Mansion House.

On 12 November the Policy Chairman will be speaking at the 'Future of London as a Financial Centre' event organised by Chatham House. Other speakers include Nicky Morgan MP, Chair of the Treasury Select Committee; Pierre Gramegna, Minister of Finance, Luxembourg; and Lord Hill, former European Commissioner for Financial Stability, Financial Services and Capital Markets Union.

On 13 November the Policy Chairman will be speaking at the London Councils breakfast, to be held in Guildhall.

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