

# Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

## Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2018*

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

### (a) **150<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Office of Parliamentary Counsel**

The Office of the Parliamentary Counsel is responsible for drafting Government bills and for giving legal advice to Government on matters relating to parliamentary bills. The Office was founded in 1869.

It is proposed that, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary, the City Corporation hosts a lecture given by First Parliamentary Counsel, Elizabeth Gardiner, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner. Guests would include Parliamentary Counsel and senior members of the Government Legal Department, members of the Judiciary, Government Ministers and senior civil servants, academics and representatives from the public law Bar and relevant firms of solicitors.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner, to mark the 150<sup>th</sup> anniversary and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

The host element would be the Policy and Resources Committee and Members with relevant interests.

### (b) **Honourable Artillery Company Parade and Reception**

The Honourable Artillery Company (HAC), formed in 1537 under a charter granted by King Henry VIII, is Britain's oldest regiment. The HAC has always had a very close connection with the City Corporation and City of London, with it originally being formed of citizens of London, and until 1778 only Freemen of the City being eligible for membership. The HAC regularly supports the City at a number of high-profile events including State Banquets, Remembrance Sunday and the Lord Mayor's Show.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a parade in Guildhall Yard followed by a reception in Guildhall during spring / summer 2019 to mark the Honourable Artillery Company's service during the First World War. Guests would include the Colonel Commandant and serving members of HAC, representatives from the City Lieutenancy, City Schools and Academies, Livery Companies with connections to the HAC and representatives from the City's Privileged Regiments.

It is there **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following a parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the HAC's service during the First World War and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met within approved parameters.

This would be a full court event.

**(c) London's Small Museums Reception**

There are over 300 museums in London ranging from major national museums such as the British Museum and the Tate to medium-sized and smaller museums. The City Corporation supports the Museum of London, and runs Guildhall Galleries, Keats House, Tower Bridge Museum, Monument and the City of London Police Museum.

Over the last twelve months in the City, museums and galleries have attracted over 5 million visitors, just under 80% of all visits to City attractions, demonstrating their significant value to the tourism economy.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to recognise the contribution small museums make to London. This would demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting the City as an important cultural hub, provide an opportunity to engage with stakeholders within the cultural sector and highlight the City's cultural initiatives including the Culture Mile. It would also be an occasion on which to celebrate the opening of a new museum in the City of London, with the relocation next year of the Museum of Philatelic History to the City.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate London's small museums and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee; costs to be met within approved parameters.

This would be a full court event.

DATED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of November 2018

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

**John Scott**  
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party