

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 25th April 2019

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

(a) Pride Flag Raising

This year the Pride in London Parade will take place on Saturday 6th July. As in previous years, the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport's advice to Government Departments is for the Rainbow Flag to be flown for a week, this year from 1st July until sundown on 6th July.

It is proposed that the Pride Flag fly at Guildhall in line with Government advice and that the City Corporation hosts a flag raising in Guildhall Yard followed by an early evening reception in the Crypts. The event will provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to show its commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion both internally and more widely across the City.

Guests would include the LGBTQ+ Pride organising committee, representatives from the City Corporation's Pride LGBTQ+ networks and from businesses and firms within the City. Members will be asked to indicate to the Remembrancer's Office if they wish to attend.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element will be Hospitality Working Party, Establishment Committee and Members with relevant interests.

(b) 200th Anniversary of the Foundation of Singapore

In June 2019 the Deputy Prime Minister of the Republic of Singapore, Mr Tharman Shanmugaratnam, will be in the UK on an official visit to mark the 200th anniversary of the founding of Singapore by Sir Stamford Raffles.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a business conference followed by a lunchtime reception to mark this anniversary. Following consultation with the Singapore High Commission, it is proposed that following the conference, the Deputy Prime Minister be awarded the Freedom of the City and that this be followed by a small lunch attended by senior representatives from the City business community with significant interests in Singapore and representatives from the High Commission.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lunchtime reception for attendees at the business conference and a small lunch following the Deputy Prime Minister's Freedom and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

The host element will be Policy and Resources Committee and Members with relevant business interests.

(c) 125th Anniversary of Tower Bridge

2019 marks the 125th anniversary of Tower Bridge. The Bridge is one of five Thames bridges maintained and supported by Bridge House Estates and is of particular importance to Bridge House Estates and the City Corporation given its status as a world-famous landmark.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Tower Bridge to mark the anniversary. The reception will provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting London's heritage, as well as raising awareness of the work of Bridge House Estates and City Bridge Trust.

Guests would include representatives from Bridge House Estates and City Bridge Trust, the cultural sector, central and local government and Livery Companies.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element will be Hospitality Working Party, Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, City Bridge Trust and Members with relevant interests.

(d) Illuminated River Project

Illuminated River is a project to light fifteen of central London's bridges, from Albert Bridge to Tower Bridge. The project will be launched in July of this year with the lighting of the first four bridges – London Bridge, Southwark Bridge, Cannon Street Railway Bridge and Millennium Bridge. The Illuminated River project has more than twenty partners and stakeholders, including the City Corporation which has provided a contribution towards initial funding of the project.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception prior to the launch of the project.

Guests would include Illuminated River partners, board members, funders, artists and architects involved in the project, individuals from the arts and culture sector, and others with relevant interests.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters

This would be a full Court event.

(e) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2019

Engagement with parliamentarians within the Palace of Westminster is a valuable means of highlighting matters of interest to the City and its stakeholders.

It is proposed that in 2019 the City Corporation collaborates with the Industry and Parliament Trust on a series of six meetings. Guests and speakers would include a City representative such as the Lord Mayor or Policy Chair, parliamentarians, policy makers and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

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

(f) Greenwich+Docklands International Festival early evening reception

The Greenwich+Docklands International Festival is a free outdoor performing arts and theatre festival which takes place every June in Greenwich, Docklands and Tower Hamlets.

Forming part of the "Fantastic Feats: the Building of London" programme, this year the festival will feature its first outdoor performance in Guildhall Yard. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception ahead of the performance in Guildhall Yard. The reception will provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's involvement in the festival and showcase the City's contribution to London's cultural activities.

Guests would include outdoor art professionals, international and UK based artists, sponsors of the festival, local authority representatives, and cultural and heritage institutions.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(g) Iftar following an interfaith group discussion at St Paul's Cathedral

The Naz Legacy Foundation, a not for profit organisation that aims to promote excellence in education and positive integration, are planning an interfaith group discussion to take place at St Paul's Cathedral on the evening of 7th May. The aim of the discussion will be to focus on London as a dynamic and multi-faith city. The event is planned to take place during Ramadan and to conclude with an Iftar, the evening meal with which Muslims end the daily Ramadan fast.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an Iftar in partnership with the Naz Legacy Foundation following the interfaith group discussion.

Guests would include the Bishop of London and other senior representatives from faith communities. The guest list would focus mainly on young adults and would include City professionals, young people representing each of the London boroughs, and representatives from the City Corporation's staff multifaith network and the City's faith

communities.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an Iftar following an interfaith group discussion at St Paul's Cathedral and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element will be Hospitality Working Party, Establishment Committee, Benefices Sub-Committee and Members' Diversity Working Party.

(h) National Houses in Multiple Occupation Network Reception

The Department of Markets and Consumer Protection will be hosting a conference on 16th May in collaboration with the National Houses in Multiple Occupation Network in the Livery Hall. The conference will focus on new legislation, guidance and good practice affecting Houses in Multiple Occupation.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at the conclusion of the conference. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to engage with representatives from across the UK and to highlight the work of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee.

Guests would include conference delegates, relevant guests from London Boroughs and representatives from the London Fire and Rescue Services and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters. The host element will be Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, Community and Children's Services Committee and Members with relevant interests.

(i) Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce

In March 2018 the Prime Minister commissioned an industry taskforce, the Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce, to take forward proposals on social impact investing.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a panel discussion followed by a reception to mark the closing of the Social Impact Investment Implementation Taskforce.

Guests at the event would include members of the Taskforce, the National Advisory Board for Impact Investing, and senior representatives and practitioners from the savings, investment and social sectors including pension funds, charitable foundations, banks and regulators.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a panel discussion followed by a reception, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters. The host element will be Policy and Resources Committee, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Finance Committee, Investment Committee, Social Investment Board, City Bridge Trust Committee and Members with relevant interests.

(j) 125th Anniversary of the Bar Council

The General Council of the Bar was founded in 1894 to represent barristers in England and Wales. It aims to promote the Bar's specialist advocacy and advisory services, fair access to justice and high standards of ethics, equality and diversity across the profession.

2019 additionally marks 100 years since the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act 1919. The Act removed disqualification from any public office or any civil profession, including the legal profession, by reason of sex or marriage.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture and question and answer session to mark the anniversary of the foundation of the Bar Council, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner. The lecture would be given by Lady Justice Heather Hallett, who was appointed the first female Chairman of the Bar Council in 1998 and is currently Vice President of the Court of Appeal Criminal Division.

The event would present an opportunity to build on the relationship between the City Corporation and the legal profession. Guests at the reception would include members of the Bar Council, the legal profession, the judiciary, Government and legal sector organisations, and Members with relevant interests.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and small dinner, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

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

(k) 25th Anniversary of the Ordination of Women by the Church of England

This year marks the 25th anniversary of the first women being ordained as priests by the Church of England. Many events are being held across the country to mark the anniversary of the ordination of women, including a reception at Lambeth Palace hosted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and a service at St Paul's Cathedral due to take place in June.

It is proposed that to mark this anniversary the City Corporation hosts a keynote address and question and answer session with the Bishop of London, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner.

The event would present an opportunity further to develop the City's relationship with the Diocese of London. It would also provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting equality and diversity.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a keynote address, early evening reception and small dinner, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element will be Hospitality Working Party, Benefices Sub-Committee and Members with relevant interests.

(l) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Let's Talk exhibition and early evening reception

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19 urgent authority was sought to host an early evening reception on 13th May to launch the Let's Talk exhibition in Guildhall Yard. The exhibition is intended to encourage people to talk more openly about mental health through a combination of photography and illustration.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to launch the exhibition. The reception will provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promoting positive mental wellbeing, as well as raising awareness of factors affecting mental health. Arrangements will be made under the auspices of the Community and Children's Services Committee. This would be a full Court event.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 28th February, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25th April would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place for this event. Approval was therefore sort and obtained under urgency procedures and it is recommended that this urgent action be noted.

(m) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Fantastic Feats and the London Festival of Architecture launch and early evening reception

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19 urgent authority was sought for the City Corporation to co-host an early evening reception on 31st May to launch "Fantastic Feats: the building of London" public events programme and the London Festival of Architecture.

This year the City Corporation will launch a major six-month programme of outdoor events entitled "Fantastic Feats: the Building of London". The launch of Fantastic Feats coincides with the London Festival of Architecture, an annual month-long architectural festival taking place in June. The Festival is the world's largest annual architectural event.

It is proposed that the City Corporation co-hosts with the Festival a reception to launch Fantastic Feats and the Festival of Architecture. Arrangements will be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee. The host element will be Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, Hospitality Working Party, Planning and Transportation Committee and Members with relevant interests.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25th April would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place for this event. Approval was therefore sort and obtained under urgency procedures and it is recommended that this urgent action be noted.

(n) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Private view for the launch of the Architecture in London exhibition

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19 urgent authority was sought to host a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery on 3rd June to mark the launch of the Architecture in London exhibition.

Guildhall Art Gallery's main exhibition in 2019, Architecture in London, will explore the depiction of London's buildings in art, and how they have served as a source of inspiration to artists over the centuries.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view. This will provide an opportunity to promote the exhibition and thank supporters and contributors, as well as showcase the City Corporation's contribution to London's cultural life. Arrangements for the exhibition will be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee. This would be a full Court event.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 28th February, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 25th April 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 this urgent action be noted.

(o) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Early evening reception to mark the transfer of the 'AIDS since the 80s' archive to the London Metropolitan Archives.

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host an early evening reception on 20th March to mark the transfer of the archive.

The 'AIDS in the 80s' archive is a digital collection of over 100 film interviews with individuals affected by the AIDS epidemic in the 1980s and 1990s. The archive was formally deposited at the London Metropolitan Archives in March.

The City Corporation hosted an early evening reception on Wednesday 20th March 2019 to mark the transfer of the archive. The reception provided an opportunity to recognise the importance of the project and to highlight the collection as a resource for the public.

Following the decision of Policy and Resources Committee to endorse the application, it became evident that waiting for Court of Common Council approval on 7th March would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place. Approval was therefore sought and obtained under urgency procedures and it is recommended that this urgent action be noted.

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

DATED this 26th day of March 2019

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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