

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 16th January 2010

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

(a) **International Council on Archives reception**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at the conclusion of the International Council on Archives Executive Board Meeting in London on Monday 20th April 2020. The Council is the principal international body in the archives sector. The City Corporation, through London Metropolitan Archives, has worked closely with the Council in showcasing its own work as one of the world's leading archives, and in developing partnerships with other institutions to improve its own services.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception at the conclusion of the International Council on Archives Executive Board Meeting in London 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.

(b) **Pride Flag Raising 2020**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception following the Pride Flag Raising at Guildhall on Monday 22nd June 2020 to mark the Pride in London Festival. Pride in London is the UK's largest LGBT+ event. In 2020 the Pride in London Parade will take place on Saturday 27 June.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 2a); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following the Pride Flag raising and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(c) London Road Safety Council reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to coincide with the 2020 AGM and conference of the London Road Safety Council at Guildhall on Friday 17th July 2020. The London Road Safety Council is a cross party organisation committed to improving the safety of all road users and reducing casualties on London's roads.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); and to educate and reassure people about safety (outcome 1e).

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for conference refreshments and an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Planning & Transportation Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Mark Field retirement dinner

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to host a dinner in honour of the Rt Hon Mark Field on 31st January 2020. Mark Field was first elected as MP for the Cities of London and Westminster in 2001. During his 18 years in Parliament, he was a tireless advocate for the City of London and spoke frequently on matters of keen interest to the City Corporation.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to strengthen local, regional and international relationships to secure new opportunities for business, collaboration and innovation (outcome 7b); and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c)

Arrangements are to be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party on 17 December 2019, it became evident that waiting for a Court of Common Council decision on 16th January 2020 would not allow sufficient time for arrangements to be put in place and for invitations to be issued. 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 17th day of December 2019

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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