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Report of: Director of Public Relations and Director of Economic Development	For Information

Summary

The Public Relations Office and Economic Development Office are together responsible for delivering the City Corporation’s political and business contact programmes. As part of these programmes, roundtables – usually hosted by the Chairman – are regularly held with key politicians and business leaders, invariably under the Chatham House Rule. Details of these events, including attendees and topics of discussion, are provided in this report.

Recommendation

The Sub-Committee is asked to note the information in this report.

Main Report

1. The Public Relations Office and Economic Development Office maintain, on behalf of the City of London Corporation, relationships with a range of politicians and businesses. One key element of the political and business contact programmes is for the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee to host roundtables – breakfasts, lunches and dinners – with members of HM Government and Opposition, overseas governments and international institutions, and business leaders.
2. The attached annex outlines details of the roundtables that have taken place since July 2015. Invariably, these roundtables are held under the Chatham House Rule. Within this constraint, this report seeks to update your Committee on the roundtables which have taken place, specifically

the attendees and topics of discussion. In addition, during this period, various additional activities took place at the party political conferences, which are the subject of a separate report on your agenda today.

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