

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 13th October 2016

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

Reception to mark the 950th anniversary of the King William Charter

In 1067, William the Conqueror granted a Charter to the City guaranteeing the collective rights of its inhabitants. This Charter holds great historical importance for the City as it recognises the rights, privileges and laws that the City had enjoyed prior to the Conquest; it is also the oldest document in the City's Archive.

To mark the 950th anniversary of the grant of the Charter, the London Metropolitan Archives will be putting it on display in the Heritage Gallery from January to March 2017. This will be the first time in its history it will have gone on display and, to coincide with this, it is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a panel discussion followed by a reception. The panel discussion would consist of three academics each presenting a brief lecture on the subject of the Charter and London at the time of the Norman Conquest, to be followed by a short question and answer session.

It is therefore recommended that hospitality be granted in the form of a panel discussion and reception to mark the 950th anniversary of the King William Charter and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a Committee event.

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

DATED this 14th day of September 2016

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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