

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 25th May 2017

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

(i) Dinner for the 2017 British-American Parliamentary Group Conference

The British-American Parliamentary Group (BAPG) is an all-party parliamentary group, chaired by the Prime Minister, whose objective is to promote understanding between British parliamentarians and leading US political figures. Its core activity is the holding of annual conferences taking place alternately in the UK and the US.

This year's conference will take place in London. The BAPG has invited the City of London Corporation to provide input into the trade element of the conference programme and, to mark the opening day of the conference, it is proposed that the City Corporation host a dinner to help to build contacts between the City and leading US and UK politicians. A similar dinner was held at Guildhall in March 2014.

The guests attending the dinner would include the Speaker and Lord Speaker, the UK and US delegates attending the conference, accompanying members of staff, business representatives and Members with relevant interests.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner to mark the first evening of the BAPG Conference and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a Committee event.

(ii) Dinner to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of the new Smithfield Market

Smithfield Market (officially known as London Central Markets) is the only wholesale market that remains located on its original site within the Square Mile. Livestock and meat have been traded on the site for over 800 years. Construction of a new market building at Smithfield was completed in 1868, with the Lord Mayor formally opening the building in September of that year.

Smithfield market remains the leading meat market within London and the UK, with a turnover valued at approximately £500M.

It is proposed that the City Corporation host a dinner to mark the 150th anniversary of the Market's official opening. This would be an opportunity to highlight the

importance of the Market as one of the City Corporation's key operational activities and celebrate its long-standing links with the City.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner to mark the 150th anniversary of the opening of Smithfield Market and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Markets 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 5th May 2017

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party