

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 22th June 2017

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

a) Reception to welcome the IAAF World Championships to London

The 2017 IAAF World Championships are taking place in London at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park from 4-13 August. The biennial event is the biggest global sporting event after the Olympics and the FIFA World Cup.

It is proposed that the City Corporation, in conjunction with the London Organising Committee, host the official welcome reception for the World Championships. This reception would provide the opportunity for the City to demonstrate its continuing commitment to sport following the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012 and show its support for the UK's position as a world-leading host nation for major sporting events.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to welcome the IAAF World Championships to London, with arrangements to 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 full Court event.

b) World Para Athletics Championships 2017

This year the World Para Athletics Championships are taking place in London at the Queen Elizabeth Olympic Park from 14–23 July. For the first time, the Championships will take place in the same city, and immediately prior to, the International Association of Athletics Federation's (IAAF) World Championships.

It is therefore proposed that the City Corporation, in conjunction with the International Paralympic Committee ((the global governing body of the Paralympic movement) and the London Organising Committee, host a reception for the World Para Athletics Championships. As with the IAAF reception, this event would provide an opportunity for the City to demonstrate its continuing commitment to sport following the Olympic and Paralympic Games in 2012, and show its support for the UK's position as a world-leading host nation for major sporting events.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an afternoon reception for the World Para Athletics Championships, with arrangements to 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 Sub-Committee event.

c) Report of Urgent Action Taken: G30 Dinner

We hereby report action taken under urgency procedures in approving the grant of hospitality in the form a dinner on Friday 9 June 2017.

Having been approached by the Governor of the Bank of England, your Hospitality Working Party agreed to host the Group of Thirty (G30) visitors at a dinner during their London meetings in June 2017. The G30 is an international body of leading financial regulators and academics which aims to deepen understanding of economic and financial issues.

The dinner was due to take place at Mansion House on Friday 9 June 2017 and, in the normal course of events, the concurrence of the Court of Common Council would have been sought at the next Court meeting following the Working Party's initial approval. However, owing to an error, the concurrence of the Court was not sought on this occasion and, accordingly, the formal approval of the Court was sought under urgency procedures.

Approval was consequently obtained in accordance with Standing Order No.19 for the City Corporation to host a dinner for G30 delegates on Friday 9 June 2017; the cost to be met from City's Cash and within the approved cost parameters.

We **recommend** that the urgent action taken be noted.

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

DATED this 13th June 2017

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Wendy Mead, OBE
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party