

## Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017*

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

#### **UK – India Year of Culture 2017**

In 2015 the Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and then Prime Minister David Cameron announced that, in celebration of the 70<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Indian Independence and the close cultural ties that exist between the two countries, 2017 would be the UK-India Year of Culture. A varied programme of literary, sporting, dramatic and musical events has been organised by the Indian High Commission and Indian Government agencies to mark this Year of Culture.

The closing event of the Year of Culture will be a concert taking place at the Barbican in November and, following discussions with the Indian High Commission, it is proposed that the High Commission and City Corporation jointly host a closing reception on the evening of the concert. This reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to facilitate closer relations with the Indian Government and strengthen ties with the Indian community in London.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a pre-concert reception with arrangements made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

The host element would be the Hospitality Working Party and Members with relevant interests.

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

DATED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July 2017

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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