

Report – Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for the Use of Guildhall

To be presented on Thursday, 14th September 2017

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

SUMMARY

1. The arrangements for approving applications for the use of Guildhall were last considered by the Court of Common Council on 21 June 2001. At that time the Court agreed to delegate the approval of the applications to the then City Lands and Bridge House Estates Committee.
2. The City Lands Committee no longer exists and applications are now approved by the Policy and Resources Committee, via its Hospitality Working Party. Notwithstanding this, it has been customary to submit the details of applications for the use of Guildhall to the Court for information. The reason for this was to give Members the opportunity to ask questions.
3. The Policy and Resources Committee recently considered and agreed a recommendation of the Hospitality Working Party that, in the interests of efficiency, details of applications for the use of Guildhall to the Court which were not considered to be significant should no longer be submitted to the Court. This was supported on the basis that Members rarely asked any questions. No record can be found of a question being asked in over 10 years.

RECOMMENDATION

4. We **recommend** that, going forward, details of the more significant applications for the use of Guildhall only be reported to the Court.

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

DATED this 6th day of July 2017.

SIGNED on behalf of the Committee.

Catherine McGuinness, Deputy
Chairman, Policy and Resources Committee