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Summary

The City of London Corporation will be holding events at the Liberal Democrat, Labour, Conservative and Scottish National party conferences throughout September and October. This report outlines plans and arrangements. Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Main Report

1. The Corporate Affairs team has put together a programme of activity for the four party conferences. Hotels and conference accreditation have been booked and members will receive their passes shortly before each conference begins. Members are expected to make their own travel arrangements to and from conferences.
2. Private, invite-only roundtables will be taking place at each of the conferences, in partnership with a think-tank at each. These roundtables will be attended by 15-20 people and will be examining key Brexit and financial services issues. The Policy Chairman will be the City Corporation's representative at each.

Liberal Democrat Conference (Bournemouth)

3. The City Corporation is holding two events. The first is a private roundtable with the Social Market Foundation and the subject is Brexit and financial services. Lord Ian Wrigglesworth is the guest speaker. We will also be holding a private dinner at the Royal Bath Hotel, where the guest speaker is Caroline Pidgeon AM, Leader of the London Liberal Democrats.
4. Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Royal Bath Hotel. A full briefing will be sent to members and officers who are attending by Peter Cannon.

Labour Party Conference (Brighton)

5. The City Corporation is holding two events. The first is a private roundtable with the Fabians and the subject is Brexit and financial services. Sir Keir Starmer QC MP, Shadow Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union, is the guest speaker. We will also be holding an invite-only drinks reception with *Prospect* magazine at The Grand Hotel, where Hilary Benn MP, chairman of the Exiting the European Union Select Committee, is the guest speaker.
6. Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Royal Albion Hotel. A full briefing will be sent to members and officers who are attending by Colton Richards.

Conservative Party Conference (Manchester)

7. The City Corporation is holding three events. The first is a private roundtable with the Institute of Economic Affairs and the subject is Brexit and financial services. Liz Truss MP, Chief Secretary to the Treasury, will be the guest speaker. The second event is an open fringe event with Localis and the subject is regional devolution and industrial strategy. Jo Johnson MP, Minister of State for Universities, Science, Research and Innovation has been invited. The third event is a private dinner, in line with previous years, which is taking place at the Manchester Art Gallery. Andrew Jones, Exchequer Secretary to the Treasury, who is attending, has been asked to be guest speaker.
8. Hotel rooms have been reserved at the Hilton Deansgate and Hilton Doubletree. A full briefing will be sent to members and officers who are attending by Peter Cannon.

Scottish National Party Conference (Glasgow)

9. The City Corporation is holding one event. We will be partnering with Holyrood Magazine to host a private roundtable in Brexit and financial services. The guest speakers will be Keith Brown MSP, Cabinet Secretary for Economy, Jobs and Fair Work, and Mike Russell MSP, Minister for UK Negotiations on Scotland's Place in Europe.

Conclusion

10. This report includes an outline of the City Corporation's 2017 party conference programme. Members are asked to note the content of the report. A further report will be submitted after all four conferences have taken place, reviewing the City Corporation's programme.

Appendices

- A. **A one-page document outlining the events the City Corporation is holding at the four party conferences.**

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