

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

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 12<sup>th</sup> October 2017*

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

**(i) Early Evening Reception to launch the Fields of Battle – Lands of Peace: Peace and Reconciliation exhibition**

From 30 April to 30 May 2018, an outdoor photographic exhibition, *Fields of Battle - Lands of Peace: Peace and Reconciliation* will be displayed in the Guildhall Yard. The exhibition will recognise the support of over fifty nations that were involved in the Allied war effort, with photographs focusing on the battlefields of the First World War as they are today, together with archive pictures, maps and historical text. The Foreign and Commonwealth Office is assisting the exhibition.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to launch the start of the exhibition. Guests attending the reception would include representatives from the countries featured in the exhibition, historians with an interest in the First World War, representatives from the City's Privileged Regiments, the Museum of London, the Imperial War Museum, London Metropolitan Archives, Parliamentarians, students from the City Academies and Schools, and Members with relevant interests.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening 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, the Culture Heritage & Libraries Committee, and Members with relevant interests.

**(ii) Early Evening Reception in support of a First World War Commemorative Exhibition in Guildhall Yard**

The Royal Parks and the Royal Parks Guild are holding a series of events to commemorate their involvement in the First World War, and to mark the contribution made by men and women who worked in British parks and gardens and who lost their lives in the conflict. One of the proposed projects is a commemorative installation, to be delivered in partnership with the Worshipful Company of Gardeners, which is to be located in Guildhall Yard from 3 to 13 April 2018.

The City Corporation has been involved in commemorating a number of First World War anniversaries and has a strong commitment to recognising the contribution made to our country by the Armed Forces. It is therefore proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in support of this installation.

Guests at the reception would include representatives from the Livery Companies, the City's Privileged Regiments, the Museum of London, the Royal Horticultural Society, the Royal Parks, Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport, Parliamentarians, City staff who have served in the armed forces, students from the City Academies and Schools, and Members with relevant interests.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening 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, the Open Spaces & City Gardens Committee, and Members with relevant interests.

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

DATED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of September 2017

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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