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Report of: Director of Economic Development	**For Decision**
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Summary

In order to achieve objectives within the City Corporation's developing cyber security strategy, it is proposed the Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, visit the global centre of cyber security, Tel Aviv, Israel. The purpose of the visit is to develop relationships and learn from academic centres of excellence, innovators and government to better understand the environment required to combat cyber crime, and promote innovation in the cyber security sector. This will allow the City of London Corporation to best implement its objectives around cyber security. Currently, the Chairman of Policy and Resources has blanket authority to visit Europe, USA, India and China, but requires this Committee's approval to visit elsewhere.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- Give approval for the Chairman of Policy and Resources to visit Tel Aviv,Israel, from 29 to 31 October 2017 to inform the City Corporation's cyber security strategy.

Main Report

Background

1. Following cyber-attacks such as Wannacry and the recent compromise of Deloitte data the City must act to defend against the growing threat and keep up with the growth of innovation in this market. The City of London has been developing a cyber security strategy, owned by Catherine McGuinness, in order to reflect the current environment within The City. The Corporations' objectives aim to promote the ability to make the city synonymous with being cyber secure, and a place for businesses to operate in a trusted and secure setting.

2. As well as generate an environment that encourages innovation, growth in skills and the UK's market share in this sector. The Corporation holds the position to

support business in this area but must learn from those organisations that are on the way to successfully achieving similar objectives.

Current Position

3. The Corporation is in the early stages of developing this strategy and would benefit from learning and exploring scenarios which can aid in achieving the overall objectives. Tel Aviv is a global leader in cyber security and business innovation, both public and private organisations are working to support a secure environment and promote innovation in cyber.

4. Whilst the Chairman of Policy and Resources has blanket authority to visit Europe, USA, India and China, however, additional approval is sought for this particular visit to Tel Aviv.

5. The visit will be organised in consultation with Accenture and the delegation will include the Director of Economic Development, a representative from the City of London Police and the Director of Built Environment as well as supporting officers.

Conclusion

6. The visit to Tel Aviv, Israel, will enable the Corporation to appropriately and effectively implement the cyber security strategy. It is imperative that we learn, explore and develop relationships with leading centres of cyber excellence of which Tel Aviv is a prime example.

7. As thePolicy and Resources Committee will be leading on the cyber security strategy, it would be useful for the Chairman to visit the global centre for cyber strategy to understand and build relationships to enable the City Corporation to achieve its objectives.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Draft agenda for Tel Aviv visit

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