

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

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 19th April 2018*

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

**(a) Early evening reception at the Museum of London to mark the centenary of women's suffrage.**

This year marks the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Representation of the People Act 1918, which enabled all men and some women over the age of 30 to vote for the first time.

A number of activities have been planned by the City Corporation to mark the occasion under the umbrella programme 'Women: work and power'. These activities are largely aimed at engaging members of the public. In addition, the London Metropolitan Archives, Barbican Centre and Museum of London are running their own programme of events throughout the year.

It is therefore proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception jointly with the Museum of London. This occasion will provide the City Corporation with an opportunity to mark the centenary of women's suffrage and celebrate women's role in culture and the arts. It will also provide an opportunity to invite Members and senior representatives from cultural and creative industries, City businesses and political figures from central and local government and enable further engagement with opinion formers about the City Corporation's Culture Mile initiative.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception, with arrangements made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

**(b) Armed Forces Flag Day 2018**

The Armed Forces Flag Day forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces. Armed Forces Flag Day was established to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families.

To mark this occasion, and in line with previous years, it is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a flag-raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard during the afternoon of Monday 25 June, followed by light refreshments in the Old Library.

This event will provide an opportunity for the City to show its support for the Armed Forces and raise awareness of the contribution made to our country by those who are currently serving or have previously served in the Forces.

Guests will include serving and retired military personnel, reservists, cadets, Masters and Clerks of Livery Companies, school children from the City's schools and representatives from the City's Privileged Regiments. The Election of Sheriffs will take place on the same day and this should result in a larger audience for the ceremony.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony to mark Armed Forces Flag Day, followed by light refreshments, and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

**(c) Early evening welcome reception for the Australian British Fintech Cyber Catalyst**

The Australian British Fintech Cyber Catalyst conference will take place in London from 2 – 5 July. The conference aims to build links between Australia and the UK in the Fintech and cyber sectors.

In 2016, Australia and New Zealand were identified as priority markets for the City Corporation and Her Majesty's Government, resulting in them being included in the Lord Mayor's International Visits Programme for the next 3 years. The intention is to promote trade between, and investment in, the three countries. In February 2018 the Lord Mayor led a delegation of senior business leaders on a visit to Australia and New Zealand.

It is therefore proposed that the City Corporation hosts a short presentation followed by an early evening reception in the Livery Hall at the end of the first day of the Australian British Fintech Cyber Catalyst. This will provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to welcome the delegation to London, build on the relationships formed during the Lord Mayor's visit, and to be updated on any progress since the Lord Mayor's visit.

Guests will include representatives from the Australian British Chamber of Commerce, members of the Lord Mayor's overseas delegation, key Australian and City Stakeholders, representatives from the cyber and fintech industry and government representatives.

It is therefore **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception for the Australian British FinTech Cyber Catalyst and that arrangements be made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within the approved parameters.

The host element would be the Policy and Resources Committee, Chief Commoner and immediate past Chief Commoner and Members with relevant business interests.

DATED this 13th day of March 2018.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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