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Summary

This report has been prepared to update Members on key elements of the Corporate Affairs team's activity in support of the City of London Corporation's external political engagement and corporate communications.

The updates covered in this report span the period since the last meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub Committee on 28 June 2018 until 25 July. Updates within the period of 10 July – 25 July have, at the time of writing, yet to take place, and have therefore been listed as planned activities.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note the report.

Main Report

The Corporate Affairs update is presented thematically and only focuses on the month's highlights.

Domestic Engagement

On 2 July, the Policy Chairman met with the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for the School System, Lord Agnew, where the City Corporation's commitment to education and other related matters were discussed.

On 11 July, the Policy Chairman will take part in a walking tour of Islington with various Islington Council representatives, including Council Leader Richard Watts. This tour reflects conversations with Islington Council on a range of matters, including Culture Mile.

On 20 July, the Policy Chairman will be attending a business summit, organised by the Department for Exiting the European Summit, and hosted by the Secretary of State, Dominic Raab MP.

Events

On 4 July, Corporate Affairs, in partnership with the London Stock Exchange Group, hosted the Minister for Arts, Heritage and Tourism, Michael Ellis MP, for the market opening ceremony. The Minister congratulated the City Corporation's leading role in arts and culture, and specifically mentioning the 'Women: Work and Power' arts and culture programme.

Think Tank Activity

On 10 July, the City Corporation, in partnership with the European Policy Forum, hosted Sergio Ermotti, Chief Executive Officer of UBS, for a dinner on theme of Brexit, the Swiss model, and UK-Swiss relations.

Briefings and Speechwriting

- SPEECH: Centenary of Women's Suffrage – Museum of London Reception. 9 June.
- WELCOME & OPENING REMARKS: European Financial Forum Dinner with Sergio Ermotti, CEO, UBS re: Brexit, the Swiss-EU model, and UK-Swiss relations. 10 June.
- SPEECH: Social Mobility Employer Index Launch. 11 June.
- SPEECH: Islington Walking Tour with Islington Council Leader, Cllr Richard Watts. 11 June.

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