



Public Relations and Economic Development Sub (Policy & Resources) Committee

Date: THURSDAY, 29 APRIL 2021

Time: 3.00 pm

Venue: VIRTUAL PUBLIC MEETING (ACCESSIBLE REMOTELY)

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chair)	Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Deputy Chairman)	Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Deputy Keith Bottomley	Deputy Edward Lord, Farringdon Without South Side
Tijs Broeke	Andrew Mayer, Bishopsgate Within
Dominic Christian, Lime Street	Jeremy Mayhew
Karina Dostalova, Farringdon Within	Deputy Tom Sleigh
Anne Fairweather, Tower	Sir Michael Snyder
Alderman Prem Goyal	Alderman Sir David Wootton
Alderman Timothy Hailes	

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John Barradell
Town Clerk and Chief Executive

AGENDA

Part 1 - Public Agenda

1. **APOLOGIES**

2. **MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA**

3. **MINUTES**

To agree the public minutes and non-public summary of the meeting held on 4 March 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 1 - 4)

4. **CORPORATE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Report of the Director of Communications.

For Information
(Pages 5 - 10)

5. **PARLIAMENTARY TEAM UPDATE**

Report of the City Remembrancer.

For Information
(Pages 11 - 16)

6. **RECOVERY WORK**

Chief Officers to be heard.

For Information

7. **FUTURE REMIT OF PRED**

Chief Officers to be heard.

For Information

8. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

9. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT**

10. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

MOTION - That under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

For Decision

Part 2 - Non-Public Agenda

11. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

To agree the non-public minutes of the meeting held on 4 March 2021.

For Decision
(Pages 17 - 18)

12. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

13. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB-COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

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PUBLIC RELATIONS AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT SUB (POLICY & RESOURCES) COMMITTEE

Thursday, 4 March 2021

Minutes of the meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub (Policy & Resources) Committee held virtually on Thursday, 4 March 2021 at 3.00 pm

Present

Members:

Deputy Catherine McGuinness (Chair)
Sheriff Christopher Hayward (Deputy Chairman)
Deputy Keith Bottomley
Tijs Broeke
Dominic Christian
Anne Fairweather
Alderman Prem Goyal

Alderman Timothy Hailes
Deputy Jamie Ingham Clark
Alderman Vincent Keaveny
Deputy Edward Lord
Jeremy Mayhew
Deputy Tom Sleigh
Alderman Sir David Wootton

In Attendance

Officers:

Emma Cunningham	- Town Clerk's Department
Angela Roach	- Assistant Town Clerk / Director of Member Services
Sam Hutchings	- Town Clerk's Department
Chloe Rew	- Town Clerk's Department
Richard Messingham	- Town Clerk's Department
James Gibson	- Chamberlain's Department
Paul Double	- City Remembrancer
Paul Wright	- Remembrancer's Department
Giles French	- Innovation & Growth
Bob Roberts	- Director of Communications
Tim Wainwright	- Mansion House & CCC
Jeremy Blackburn	- Mansion House & CCC

Also in Attendance:

Peter Arnold	- EY
Colin Edwards	- EY

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Deputy Sir Michael Snyder.

2. MEMBERS' DECLARATIONS UNDER THE CODE OF CONDUCT IN RESPECT OF ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

There were no declarations of interest.

3. **MINUTES**

RESOLVED – That the public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 be approved as a correct record.

4. **SPORT ENGAGEMENT UPDATE**

The Sub-Committee received a report of the Director of Communications concerning sport engagement, and heard a presentation of an external consultant on the impact of major sporting events on soft power, trade and investment.

Members were very supportive of the work undertaken by the Sports Engagement Manager, and made the following points:

- There should be further exploration about the delivery of events on our own open spaces and engaging with the City's existing contacts to deliver sporting events;
- Any announcement of the research work should be conveyed to the media for wider press coverage;
- A focus on urban street games could channel the enthusiasm of young people and reach out to different groups;
- Suggestions on how to take forward the recommendations in the EY report would be brought back to Members later this year .

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

5. **2021 - 2022 MAYORAL THEME - ALDERMAN VINCENT KEAVENY (SUBJECT TO ELECTION)**

Members considered a joint report of the Director of Community & Children's Services, the Chief Grants Officer, the Director of Innovation & Growth and the Director of Communications in respect of the 2021-2022 Mayoral Theme for Alderman Vincent Keaveny (subject to election).

Alderman Keaveny advised that theme aligns with several outcomes in the Corporate Plan and amplifies a number of City initiatives and strategies, including the Social Economic Diversity Taskforce, Regional Partnership Strategy, support for SMEs and COVID Recovery.

RESOLVED, that – the 2021-2022 Mayoral Theme be received and its contents noted.

6. **IG MONTHLY UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Director of Innovation & Growth in respect of the Innovation and Growth Monthly Update.

RESOLVED, that – the progress of the Innovation & Growth workstreams be noted.

7. **PARLIAMENTARY TEAM UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Remembrancer in respect of the Parliamentary Team Update.

The Remembrancer provided an update in respect of paragraph 15 that the online roundtable with SNP MPs entitled 'Civic Leadership and Green Finance in the transition to net zero' would be held on Friday 12 March.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

8. **CORPORATE AFFAIRS UPDATE**

Members received a report of the Director of Communication in respect of the Corporate Affairs Update. It was noted that previous Member feedback in terms of a thematic approach to priorities had been incorporated into the strategic plan, and outreach was underway with the City's MP and local assembly Member.

RESOLVED, that – the report be received and its contents noted.

9. **QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

One question was raised in respect of City's Cash and the Covid Recovery Fund. Is it worth having an explanation that City's Cash funds are being used for? The Director of Communications advised that it would be best to focus on service delivery and outcomes, rather than the funding streams that these services come from.

10. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT**

The Chair thanked Emma Cunnington on behalf of the Sub-Committee for her work in supporting this committee and supporting the Policy Chair's office and wished her all the best in her new role.

11. **EXCLUSION OF THE PUBLIC**

RESOLVED – That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part I of the Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act.

Item	Paragraph
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12. **NON-PUBLIC MINUTES**

The non-public minutes and summary of the meeting held on 11 February 2021 were approved as a correct record.

13. **NON-PUBLIC QUESTIONS ON MATTERS RELATING TO THE WORK OF THE SUB-COMMITTEE**

There was one question.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS THAT THE CHAIRMAN CONSIDERS URGENT AND WHICH THE SUB COMMITTEE AGREES SHOULD BE CONSIDERED WHILST THE PUBLIC ARE EXCLUDED**

There was one item of urgent business.

The meeting ended at 4.06 pm

Chair

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Committee(s): Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee	Date(s): 29/04/2021
Subject: Corporate Affairs Update	Public
Report of: Bob Roberts, Director of Communications	For Information
Report author: Sarah Bridgman, Corporate Affairs Officer	

Summary

This report provides a summary of the work of the Corporate Affairs Team since the last meeting of the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee. It highlights major activities undertaken to support the team's priorities.

The priorities are guided by documents such as the Corporate Plan 2018 – 2023, the updated Lord Mayor's Theme approved by P&R in July 2020 and the Policy Chair's Policy statement to the Court of Common Council on 15th April 2021.

The priorities since the last meeting of PRED can be summarised as:

- Planning for recovery in support of the five major work strands:
 - Recovery Task Force
 - Business Recovery Fund
 - Reopening events
 - COVID-19 Business Accreditation Scheme
 - City of London recovery campaign.
- Responding to the COVID-19 pandemic.
- Working to support London in line with our corporate plan that we support a diverse and sustainable capital.
- Supporting the competitiveness agenda to champion the UK financial and professional services sector including the innovative areas of tech and business services, in line with our corporate plan that we are a global hub for innovation in financial services, commerce and culture.
- Promoting the City Corporation's Climate Action Strategy.
- Working to reframe the current understanding of "levelling up" as a question of regional inequalities to a more nuanced UK-wide picture.

Recommendation

Members are asked to note this report.

Main Report

The major workstreams of the Corporate Affairs Team in the two months covered by this report are listed below with examples of activities that support this.

Planning for Recovery

Across the City Corporation work has been ongoing to prepare for the recovery from COVID-19.

The five major work strands we have been supporting are:

- Recovery Task Force: Its mission is to ensure the Square Mile is the *world's most innovative, inclusive and sustainable business eco-system, and an attractive place to invest, work, live and visit*.
- Business Recovery Fund: A fund worth £50million launched on 12th April to provide critical support to businesses that contribute to the City's vibrancy and provide services to residents and workers.
- Reopening events: The Lord Mayor and Policy Chair are leading the way in promoting the return of activity to the Square Mile by highlighting the City's venues and attractions that are ready to welcome people back, in line with Government guidelines.
- COVID-19 Business Accreditation Scheme: Supporting firms with their reopening and providing reassurance to customers that their premises are safe to visit.
- City of London recovery campaign: A promotional campaign aimed at workers encouraging the return to the office in line with Government guidelines, highlighting the City's diverse and exciting offer.

As part of the key activities to support this work the Corporate Affairs Team have been:

- Preparing speeches for the launch of the Recovery Task Force recommendations and planning engagement with political stakeholders to amplify the recovery and reopening work.
- Organising a joint roundtable with the Institute for Government on "Building a Green Recovery" and writing the Policy Chair's speaking remarks for the event. Planning for the forthcoming public panel event as part of this partnership is also taking place.
- Preparing briefing for the Vice Chair of Policy and Resources for a panel event on reopening and recovery.
- Preparing speaking notes for the London and Partners seminar on "Promoting London".
- Supporting Mansion House with the planning of the reopening campaign, led by the Lord Mayor and the Policy Chair.

Responding to the COVID-19 Pandemic

The work of the Corporate Affairs Team in relation to responding to the COVID-19 pandemic has focused on providing briefings for the Policy Chair for a wide range of London crisis meetings.

In particular, this has included:

- Supporting the Policy Chair ahead of regular pan-London meetings such as the London Transition Board chaired by the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, the London Recovery Board chaired by the Mayor of London, the London Leaders' COVID-19 Committee and the London Councils' Pandemic Steering Committee.
- Writing briefings for meetings of the London COVID Business Forum on the roadmap for the safe and full reopening of London's economy and working with GLA officials to support the Policy Chair in chairing the April meeting of the Forum.

Working to Support London

The Corporate Plan confirms that the City Corporation is committed to supporting a diverse and sustainable London. This aim cross cuts all three strands of the strategy, contributing to a flourishing society, supporting a thriving economy and shaping outstanding environments.

The Corporate Affairs Team continues to undertake activity that contributes to our wider work to support the capital.

This activity includes:

- Organising meetings for the Policy Chair with the key London mayoral candidates, in order to discuss their priorities for London if they are elected.
- Supporting the Policy Chair in her regular programme of London Borough engagement including with Cllr Kieron Williams, Leader of Southwark and Cllr Ian Edwards, Leader of Hillingdon. Further engagement across London Boroughs is planned.
- Continuing to engage closely with Nickie Aiken MP and Unmesh Desai AM, ensuring they are kept up to date with the City Corporation's activity.
- Supporting the Policy Chair for a London Councils meeting with Transport Minister Baroness Vere to discuss funding for TfL.
- Engaging with London based think tanks like Centre for London to ensure that City Corporation positions influence pan-London policy work.

Supporting the Competitiveness Agenda

The Corporate Plan commits the City Corporation to ensuring that we are a global hub for innovation in financial and professional services, commerce and culture as well as having the world's best legal and regulatory framework and access to global markets.

The Fraser 2.0 Report, supported by the Policy and Resources Committee, also outlined the next steps to steward the financial, tech and professional services sector through future challenges.

To support this work the Corporate Affairs Team has continued to focus on building and strengthening relationships with influential politicians and policymakers who are well placed to maintain and enhance the competitiveness of London and the City.

Key activity includes:

- Providing briefing and support for the regular meeting between the Lord Mayor and Policy Chair and the Investment Minister Lord Grimstone on issues relating to his departmental roles in both the Department for International Trade and the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy.
- Writing to International Trade Minister Ranil Jayawardena MP to invite him to speak at the launch of a forthcoming City Corporation report on digital trade.
- Collating briefing for the Policy Chair's meeting with the Skills Minister Gillian Keegan MP, to discuss issues raised in the Corporation's recently published benchmarking report.
- Working with the Innovation Team to provide briefing for the joint Lord Mayor and Policy Chair meeting with the Minister for Energy and Clean Growth, Anne-Marie Trevelyan MP.
- Preparing speeches for the Shenzhen green finance virtual dialogue, the IBDE annual conference on the Kalifa Review, the welcome address for UK Fintech Week and the RegTech report launch.
- Assisting with engagement with the Scottish Government through supporting the Policy Chair for her meeting with the Scottish Trade Minister Ivan McKee MSP and preparing speaking remarks for the roundtable with the Scottish Government on the "Race to Net Zero".
- Continuing preparation for engagement at the autumn 2021 Party Conferences, as well as sponsoring a panel event at the Labour Party Spring Forum where the Policy Chair provided pre-recorded remarks.
- Agreeing a partnership with the Centre for Policy Studies to produce a paper for distribution to MPs on the future regulation of financial services.

Promoting the Climate Action Strategy

The City Corporation has developed an evidence-based Climate Action Strategy for the City Corporation and the Square Mile. We have committed to achieving net zero carbon emissions in our own operations by 2027 and 2040 for all our investments and supply chain.

This mission to reach net zero in the Square Mile is aligned with the City Corporation's wider commitment for London and the UK to become a global centre for green finance and a world class business environment.

The Corporate Affairs Team has continued to work with colleagues to promote the strategy through its external engagement work.

Work to do this included:

- Providing briefing to the Deputy Policy Chair for the London Councils Core Cities Commission on pan-London climate action.
- Continuing to engage and attend meetings of the IPPR Environmental Justice Commission and correspond our priorities regarding climate action. The Commission is cross-party and the City Corporation will continue to engage and influence final policy recommendations.
- Providing communications support to the internal COP26 group, including oversight on ministerial engagement as well as working to help align industrial and business engagement work on COP26 with broader political communications and engagement.

Working to Reframe Levelling Up

The “levelling up” agenda forms a key part of the Government’s programme but is often framed in terms of inequalities between the regions of the UK. The Corporate Affairs Team is working to encourage a more nuanced approach that looks at levelling up within regions as well as between regions.

Work in this area has particularly been with think tanks from across the political spectrum.

Key activity in this area has included:

- Agreeing to support a Commission on “Poverty and Place” to be managed by the Fabian Society.
- Working with the think tank Onward ahead of the levelling up series event the City Corporation is sponsoring on “Who Funds Levelling Up?”.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

1. Engaging with political stakeholders, organising events associated with the party political conferences and working with the thinktanks and other third-party organisations to produce events and associated policy reports provides an opportunity for the City Corporation to engage with key audiences on important global, national and local government issues and to demonstrate the Corporation’s involvement in relevant debates. Sponsorship and political engagement would also help deliver outcomes 2 – 10 of the 2018-23 Corporate Plan.

Implications

2. The Corporate Affairs Team has an established budget for all party conference and engagement related activity. Any sponsorship of ad-hoc policy projects is currently funded via the Policy Initiatives Fund according to decisions of the Policy and Resources Committee.

Appendices

None

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Committee(s)	Dated:
Public Relations and Economic Development Sub-Committee	29 April 2021
Subject: Parliamentary Team Update	Public
Report of: Paul Double, City Remembrancer	For Information
Report author: William Stark, Parliamentary Engagement Officer	

Summary

This summary updates Members on the main elements of the Parliamentary Team's activity in support of the City of London Corporation's political and parliamentary engagement since the last update in March 2021. Given national Coronavirus restrictions, Parliament continues to sit using a mix of virtual and in-person proceedings, with much reduced physical presence at the Palace of Westminster. Westminster Hall debates and Private Members' Bill Friday sittings in the Commons and Lords have now resumed after being suspended at the start of the year.

The Commons and the Lords rose on the 25 March for the Easter Recess, with both Houses returning on the 12 April in order to pay tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh.

The summary is written with reference to the top line Parliamentary objectives and deliverables of the Remembrancer's Office. For the Committee's reference, these are set out in the appendix.

Recommendation

Members are recommended to note the report.

Main Report

Legislation Pertaining to the UK's Future EU Relationship (Objective 1)

1. Legislation in several areas is particularly affected by the UK's departure from the EU, examples include:

Trade Bill – The Bill, which has been in Parliament for over 3 years, continues to shuttle between Commons and Lords. The House of Lords long persisted in its quest to insert a clause in the Bill to prevent or restrict trade agreements with countries found to be committing genocide. Until the middle of this month, the Government in the Commons rejected all such efforts. At the time of writing, however, a compromise appears to have been reached in which, in relation to a trade agreement and reports of genocide, a select committee will have a power to require the Government to put its position on record. Under the compromise, a select committee could insist on a parliamentary debate if it is not satisfied with the Government's response.

Financial Services Bill – This framework Bill is part of the package of legislation brought forward to establish the post Brexit regulatory framework for financial services. The Office has provided briefings on the Corporation's lines for peers who tabled relevant amendments to the Bill at committee stage. This follows briefings also

provided to MPs at Second Reading in the Commons and a separate briefing to Peers for the Second Reading in the Lords. The Office also facilitated the Policy Chair's oral evidence session to the Public Bill Committee.

Corporation legislation (Objective 2)

2. The Emissions Reduction (Local Authorities in London) Bill, which had its First Reading in the Lords on 13 January 2020, still awaits a date for Second Reading following the disruption to parliamentary business caused by the pandemic. The Bill creates discretionary powers for London's local authorities to control emissions from combustion plants where the air quality in their area exceeds World Health Organization Guidelines and they choose to declare their area an 'air quality improvement area'.
3. Following the suspension of proceedings on the Government's Environment Bill as noted in the following paragraph, preparations are being made to enable progress on the Private Members Bill in the Lords if the opportunity arises. The Bill's sponsor, Lord Tope, has agreed to reintroduce it in the next session of Parliament with a view to progressing it to second reading if this can be achieved before the Government's Environment Bill reaches that stage.
4. Consideration of the Government's Environment Bill has been postponed to the next parliamentary session, following a carry-over motion in the Commons. The delay has been attributed to pressures on the parliamentary timetable and changes to parliamentary procedure as a result of the pandemic. In liaison with London Councils, the Chair of the Policy and Resources Committee and the Chair of the Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, the Office is, as indicated above, planning to table new clauses to the Bill in the Lords, mirroring the provisions of the Emissions Reduction (Local Authorities in London) Bill if the Lords' Private Members' Bill cannot progress before the Government's measure receives second reading in the Lords.
5. Work continues on the Private Bill required to enable the relocation of the Corporation's wholesale markets to the new site at Dagenham Dock. Substantial support is being given to the programme directorate in collating and building the evidence basis and support for a Bill promotion.

Parliamentary and Government Inquiries (Objective 3)

6. The Office has submitted the following pieces of written evidence to Select Committees since the last report:
 - To the Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Committee's inquiry into moving animals across borders. The submission set out the City Corporation's duties to enforce regulations regarding the importation of animals for the Greater London Area and raised concerns traffickers exploiting a lack of checks at certain points of entry to the country, known as 'BCP (Border Control Post) shopping'
 - To the Lords International Agreements Sub Committee's inquiry into UK Accession to the CPTPP. This was an interim submission to the committee's inquiry ahead of a full response as the inquiry develops and the UK's accession to the partnership proceeds. The submission raised the UK's role in the Asia-Pacific region and highlighted the digital trade provisions that form part of the CPTPP.

7. The Office also compiled a submission to the Government's new Taskforce on Innovation, Growth and Regulatory Reform (TIGRR). The taskforce, established at the beginning of February, considers changes to regulation enabled by the UK's departure from the European Union.

Responding to Issues Raised in Parliament and Enhancing Parliamentary Engagement (Objectives 4 and 5)

8. The Office issued a Public Policy Bulletin to Members and Officers summarising the key announcements of the Prime Minister's statement on the Integrated Review of Security, Defence, Development and Foreign Policy on 16 March.
9. The Office facilitated a parliamentary event co-hosted by the City Corporation and the Industry and Parliament Trust on innovation and legal services, with particular comments on the sector's response to COVID-19. The Policy Chair and the President of the Law Society were the principal speakers. Attendees considered the challenges faced by the legal sector as a result of COVID and other topics including Lawtech, the City Corporation's proposed combined courts facility, and the need for stronger political support for the English legal system as a global commodity. Participants emphasised the importance of maintaining access to justice and concerns over the operation of the criminal justice system.
10. The Policy Chair spoke alongside Emma Harvey of the Green Finance Institute at an online roundtable with SNP MPs entitled "Civic Leadership and Green Finance in the transition to net zero", chaired by Alison Thewliss MP. The event saw discussion of the GFI's work in engaging with the private and public sectors to encourage projects such as the retrofitting of older buildings, as well as the City Corporation's Climate Action Strategy and the upcoming COP 26 summit. A further roundtable with SNP MPs is anticipated later this year.
11. The Office facilitated an oral briefing on 14 April to the members of the Lords International Agreements Committee on the City of London Corporation and EY report "The City of London: An ecosystem enabling international trade".
12. The Office prepared other briefings for MPs and peers since the last report:
 - Lord Black of Brentwood was provided with a briefing, incorporating the views of the Barbican Centre and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama, ahead of his question in the Lords on EU visas and work permits for music and performing arts students.
 - A briefing was provided to Baroness Coussins ahead of her question on the engaging with Latin American countries as part of the UK's foreign policy.
 - Members of the Education Select Committee were provided with a briefing ahead of a Westminster Hall debate on the Committee's report on a plan for an adult skills and lifelong learning revolution. The briefing set out City Corporation views on skills in the FPS sector.
13. The Office has arranged private briefing on 27 April for Craig Tracey MP, Chair of the APPG Insurance and Financial Services on the IRSG report "How the trend towards data localisation is impacting the financial services sector".
14. Members of the Parliamentary Team held an introductory meeting with the office of Shaun Bailey, MP for West Bromwich West. Mr Bailey's staff were introduced to the work of the City of London Corporation and the Remembrancer's Office and discussed potential future engagement.

15. The Office contacted the APPG on Hospitality and Tourism in advance of an upcoming APPG inquiry into the hospitality and tourism sectors. Contact was also made with the APPG Performing Arts Education and Training, noting the City Corporation's provision of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama and the Barbican Centre.
16. The Office is in discussion, alongside IG colleagues, with the APPG Financial Markets and Services regarding an event on the UK-US relationship following the Policy Chair's virtual visit to the US in May. The Policy Chair will speak alongside APPG Chair Bim Afolami MP.
17. Following discussion by Members at the Policy and Resources Committee, the Office provided City MP Nickie Aiken with information about the City's approach to homelessness and rough sleeping ahead of her Westminster Hall debate on the repeal and replacement of the Vagrancy Act 1824.
18. The Office provided assessments of Lord Hill of Oareford's UK Listings review to City MP Nickie Aiken. An appraisal of Ron Kalifa's review of Fintech, to which the City Corporation provided the secretariat alongside Innovate Finance, was also given to her office.
19. Ms Aiken's office were also updated on the City Corporation's COVID Business Recovery Fund and plans for a Recovery Promotional Campaign for the City.
20. Ms Aiken also tabled a written parliamentary question on the Planning White Paper, following suggestions from the Office regarding City Corporation concerns about future protection for Metropolitan Open Land.

GLA and the Devolved Institutions (Objective 6)

21. The Office arranged a meeting between Assembly Member Nicky Gavron (Lab), a member of the Assembly's Environment Committee, and officers from the Department of the Built Environment to brief her, at her request, on the City Corporation's recycling and waste policies.
22. The London Assembly rose on the 19 March and is not due to sit again until after the elections on 6 May. The Scottish and Welsh Parliaments were recalled on 12 April in order to pay tribute to His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke of Edinburgh but will not sit again before the 6 May elections.

Key priorities over the next month

23. The Office will issue a Public Policy Bulletin to Members and Officers summarising the key announcements of the Queen's Speech, due to take place on the 11 May. A report on the Queen's Speech will be tabled at the next meeting of this Sub Committee.
24. Submissions from the City Corporation will be drawn up for Environmental Audit Committee's inquiry into the sustainability of the built environment, the Lords Youth Unemployment Committee's inquiry into jobs for young people, the DCMS committee's inquiry into major sporting and cultural events, the Treasury Committee's inquiry into jobs, growth and productivity after coronavirus, and the HCLG Committee's inquiries into permitted development rights, and local authorities and the road to net zero.

25. Very substantial amounts of work continue in relation to the wholesale markets co-location project. Team members are working very closely with officers from across the Corporation on the scope of the Bill, the interaction with existing market arrangements, the requirements of the future market, the relationship with key politicians at a local, regional and national level, and on communications and engagement.
26. The Office will closely follow reports regarding the outcome of the UK's application to join the Lugano Convention and will provide support on this and other rule of law issues relevant to the City in liaison with the International Law Committee and the related professional bodies.

The Parliamentary Team
City Remembrancer's Office
29 April 2021

Appendix: Parliamentary Team Objectives

1. Propose amendments or new clauses to Brexit-related legislation to reflect Corporation views and report on the progress of such legislation to Members.
2. Draft and secure the passage through Parliament of Corporation legislation, with a particular focus on securing legislation on relocating the City's markets and gaining support for the provisions included in a Private Member's Bill on air quality.
3. Make submissions to Parliamentary committee inquiries into relevant Corporation issues in collaboration with the Economic Development Office (now Innovation and Growth) and other Departments.
4. Respond to any issues or concerns raised in Parliament in either debates or tabled questions through briefing relevant MPs and Peers.
5. Enhance Parliamentary engagement through direct contact with members of both Houses on key issues and with relevant All-Party Parliamentary Groups.
6. Enhance engagement with the Greater London Assembly and the devolved institutions on matters of interest to the City through briefings and submissions to relevant inquiries.

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