

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 23rd May 2019

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

(a) **London's Grand Designs Exhibition**

An outdoor exhibition entitled 'London's Grand Designs; Building a Capital City 1675 to 1986' will be in Guildhall Yard between 1st – 16th July 2019. The exhibition will display a collection from the London Metropolitan Archives demonstrating the most significant architecture and engineering projects in London since the Great Fire. The exhibition will form part of the City Corporation's major outdoor programme 'Fantastic Feats'.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture by Professor Jeremy Black entitled "The turning tide: the City and the River". The lecture would be an opportunity for the City Corporation to commemorate the significant anniversaries of the key architects and engineering schemes of the past, while also linking to the modern-day City.

Guests would include historians with an interest in the anniversaries, representatives from the architecture, engineering, visitor and cultural sectors, students from the City Academies and Schools, and representatives from relevant Livery Companies.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, reception and small private dinner on 8th July 2019 to mark the London's Grand Designs exhibition and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash and within approved parameters.

The host element would be Hospitality Working Party, Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of the Planning and Transportation Committee, Port Health and Environmental Services Committee, City Bridge Trust Committee and Members with relevant interests.

(b) **Invictus Games**

The Invictus Games Foundation was established with the aim of using sport as a tool for recovery and rehabilitation. In consultation with His Royal Highness The Duke of Sussex, the Foundation created a multi-national event to inspire recovery and rehabilitation and generate a wider understanding for injured servicemen and women.

The inaugural Invictus Games was held in London in 2014, with over 400 competitors from 13 nations. The City Corporation hosted a dinner in the build up to the games. The Foundation has since delivered games in Orlando, Toronto and Sydney. The fifth Invictus Games will take place in the Hague in May 2020 with 500 competitors from 20 nations and 1000 friends and family in support expected to attend.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on 10th September 2019 to mark the fifth anniversary of the Invictus Games. The reception would also provide a platform to announce the Host City for the Games in 2022, and to thank individuals and partner organisations who have supported the Games.

Guests would include Invictus Games alumni, representatives from both past and future host cities' executive teams, Invictus Foundation partners, privileged regiments, senior government representatives, and High Commissioners and Ambassadors of participating nations.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to mark the fifth anniversary of the Invictus Games and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a full court event.

(c) Commonwealth High Commissioners' Banquet

Since 2015, the City Corporation has hosted an annual banquet for the Commonwealth High Commissioners. The City Corporation also hosts a number of other Commonwealth themed events at Guildhall and Mansion House. This includes country specific events such as the India Day Conference at Mansion House in July and the 200th anniversary of Sir Stamford Raffles' founding of modern Singapore later this year.

Last year, the City Corporation hosted the Commonwealth Business Forum, a key pillar of the 2018 Commonwealth Summit, in partnership with the Cabinet Office and the Commonwealth Enterprise and Investment Council (CWEIC).

It is proposed the City Corporation host the 2019 High Commissioners' Banquet in September, working with the Royal Commonwealth Society and CWEIC. Guests would include selected business guests with Commonwealth interests, nominations from the Royal Commonwealth Society and CWEIC, representatives from Fintech and the digital skills industries, leading national and local political figures and other relevant institutional representatives.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a banquet for the Commonwealth High Commissioners and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host elements would be Policy and Resources Committee, Hospitality Working Party, Education Board and Members with relevant Commonwealth interests.

(d) The Queen's Young Leaders Programme

The Queen Elizabeth Diamond Jubilee Trust, in partnership with Comic Relief and the Royal Commonwealth Society, launched The Queen's Young Leaders Programme in 2014. It aims to "discover, celebrate and support" exceptional young people from across the Commonwealth, leaving a lasting legacy in honour of Her Majesty The Queen.

In addition to making awards directly to young people, The Queen's Young Leaders' grants are given to organisations in Commonwealth countries that can show they are improving the lives of young people.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a panel discussion and reception on 25th October 2019 to mark the conclusion of The Queen's Young Leaders Programme.

Guests would include winners of The Queen's Young Leader Award, the Board of Trustees, representatives from organisations that have been given The Queen's Young Leaders Grants, young City professionals, representatives from City businesses with a strong link to the philanthropic sector, High Commissioners and relevant politicians.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening panel discussion and reception to mark the conclusion of The Queen's Young Leaders Programme and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the City Bridge Trust Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host elements would be City Bridge Trust Committee, Hospitality Working Party, Education Board, as well as Chair, Chairmen and Deputy Chairmen of a number of committees and Members with relevant interests.

(e) Association of Leading Visitor Attractions Dinner

The Association of Leading Visitor Attractions (ALVA) is an industry body that represents the views of the country's foremost visitor attractions to Government, the broader tourism industry, business, media and the public. The City of London is a member of ALVA under the collective banner "City Corporation Attractions", with paying member attractions being Tower Bridge and the Monument, the Museum of London, Guildhall Art Gallery and the Barbican.

The Association holds three council meetings each year in different parts of the UK, including one in London, to discuss sector issues. This year, the London meeting will be hosted by the Museum of London on 13th September. As part of the meeting a networking dinner takes place attended by government ministers and local authority leaders.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a networking dinner at the Museum of London on 12th September 2019. Guests would include ALVA members, industry leaders from the tourism sector, senior stakeholders, local and national politicians and the Governing Board of the Museum of London.

The dinner will provide an opportunity to highlight the City as a modern visitor destination and its role as a global hub for innovation in culture.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a dinner as part of the Association of Leading Visitor Attractions council meeting in London and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters

The host element would be Culture Heritage and Libraries Committee, Chief Commoner and Immediate Past Chief Commoner and the Chair, Vice Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of a number of Committees.

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

DATED this 30th day of April 2019

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party