

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 20th June 2019

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

(a) **HMS President reception**

HMS President, the Royal Navy Reserve Unit associated with London, was awarded the status of a Privileged Corps of the City of London in 2016.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in recognition of the grant of privileged status and the unveiling of a new ceremonial crest for HMS President. The event would be an opportunity to meet members of the Ship's Company, build on the strong affiliation with the unit, and generally further links between the City Corporation and the Royal Navy.

Guests would include contacts from the Royal Navy London District, representatives from the City of London Sea Cadets, City Schools and Academies Cadet Units, and Members with relevant interests.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a reception for HMS President with arrangements being made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host element would be the Hospitality Working Party and Members with relevant military interests.

(b) **UK-China summit**

China has been established as a priority market for the City of London Corporation, and active engagement with the country has been promoted over a number of years.

It is proposed that the City Corporation host a business summit for selected Chinese and UK business guests followed by a dinner on Tuesday 3rd September 2019. The guest list at the dinner would include senior UK and Chinese government representatives, senior representatives from UK and Chinese businesses and representatives from the Embassy and the China-Britain Business Council.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a business event and dinner 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 element would be the Policy and Resources Committee and Members with relevant business interests.

(c) Early evening reception to celebrate Diwali

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to celebrate Diwali on Wednesday 30th October 2019.

Speakers would include the Lord Mayor and a senior representative from the Indian Community. The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to bringing together different communities and celebrate London as a multi-faith City.

Guests at the event would include representatives from the Indian High Commission and diplomats from countries with a large Hindu population, the City Hindu network, the Hindu Council UK, the Hindu Forum of Great Britain, the Indian Professionals Forum, the City Sikhs, Young Jains and other faith organisations, the City Corporation multi-faith network, relevant politicians, City businesses and residents.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate Diwali 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.

The host element would be the Hospitality Working Party, Establishment Committee, Benefices Sub-Committee and Members of the Diversity Working Party.

(d) Early evening reception on the eve of the Women of the Future Summit in London.

The Women of the Future Summit will take place in London on 7th November 2019 and will form part of the wider "Week of Women" taking place from 4th – 7th November, which is run in partnership with the Foreign and Commonwealth Office and the GREAT Campaign. The "Week of Women" will focus on issues of gender equality and comprise events promoting cultural exchange, learning and networking.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on the eve of the Women of the Future Summit.

The guest list for the event would include international delegates attending the summit, shortlisted candidates for the Women of the Future leaders programme, key sponsors, Women of the Future Ambassadors, international Chevening scholars, representatives from the City Schools and Academies, 100 Women for 100 Freedoms programme, senior female Officers from the City Corporation and key City businesses.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to coincide with the Women of the Future Summit in London, 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 element would be Policy and Resources Committee, Education Board, Chief Commoner, Chief Commoner-Elect, Chair and Deputy Chairman of the Establishment Committee, Chairman and Deputy Chairman of the Diversity Working Party and Members with relevant interests and all female Members of the Court.

(e) Annual reception for volunteers

In January 2019, the City Corporation hosted a reception to recognise the work of its volunteers. The reception was an opportunity to thank individuals who give up their time voluntarily for the City Corporation. Over 400 volunteers attended.

Hospitality Working Party agreed at its February meeting that the reception should become an annual event. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the next reception in the Great Hall in early 2020.

The guest list would include volunteers who support the work of the City Corporation, representatives from Corporation departments who co-ordinate volunteering activity, representatives from the City's Giving Day, Lord Mayor's Show Appeal, City Corporation Schools and Academies, Open Spaces and Members with relevant interests.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to recognise the work of volunteers who support the City Corporation, 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.

(f) 2020 London Culture Forum Conference

The London Culture Forum is a biennial conference co-ordinated by London Councils which brings together representatives from all London Boroughs to discuss arts, culture and tourism.

It is proposed that the City Corporation provides the venue and refreshments for the 2020 London Culture Forum Conference at Guildhall. Delegates attending the conference would include cultural and tourism leads from London Boroughs and Business Improvement Districts, arts and tourism organisations, London and Partners, the Arts Council, local and national arts funders.

The Forum would be an opportunity for the City Corporation to engage with the capital's culture sector and demonstrate its support for the London and national cultural and tourism offers. The Forum would also provide a platform to launch the City Corporation's first Cultural Strategy Annual Review.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for the London Culture Forum, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

The host elements would be the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee, Chair, Deputy Chairman and Vice Chairmen of the Policy and Resources Committee, Chairman and Deputy Chairmen of the Open Spaces Committee and the Barbican Centre Board and Members with relevant interests.

(g) Early evening reception following Gresham College's Mayflower 400 lecture

2020 marks the 400th anniversary of the sailing of the Mayflower from Plymouth to America. A programme of events is planned to mark this significant anniversary

beginning in November 2019.

Gresham College is holding a lecture on Monday 27th April 2020 entitled 'The Miracle of the Mayflower: How London Merchants and Dutch Toleration made America' at the Dutch Church in Austin Friars.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception following the Gresham College lecture. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to support the Mayflower 400 anniversary and further engage with the Dutch community in London following the recent State Visit of the King and Queen of the Netherlands

Guests would include representatives from the Dutch and US communities, businesses with an interest in the anniversary, historians and representatives from the cultural sector, students from City Academies and Schools, representatives from the London Metropolitan Archives and parliamentarians.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a reception following the lecture 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.

The host elements would be the Hospitality Working Party, Gresham (City Side) Committee, Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee and Members with relevant interests.

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

DATED this 20th day of May 2019.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Tom Hoffman, M.B.E., Deputy
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party