

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 12th September 2019

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

(a) 71st (City of London) Yeomanry Signal Regiment March and Reception

The 71st (City of London) Yeomanry Signal Regiment is a reserve regiment of the Royal Corps of Signals. The Regiment was granted Privileged Status in March 2018 in recognition of their long-standing association with the City of London. The Regiment are planning a Service of Thanksgiving in January 2020 at St Andrew's Holborn. Following the Service, the Regiment wishes to exercise its right to March through the City with "drums beating, flags flying and bayonets fixed", culminating in Guildhall Yard.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception at the conclusion of the March. Guests would include the Colonel of the Regiment, those on parade, representatives from the City Lieutenancy, Livery Companies with connections to the Regiment, and representatives from the City's Privileged regiments.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lunchtime reception for the 71st (City of London) Yeomanry Signal Regiment 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 interests.

(b) William Cecil, 1st Baron Burghley lecture and reception

William Cecil, Lord Burghley (1520-1598), was the chief minister of Elizabeth I and the leading political and diplomatic figure for most of her reign. He had numerous civic, commercial and political connections with the City.

It is proposed that the City Corporation, in conjunction with Gresham College and the Lord Burghley 500 Foundation, hosts a lecture on the City of London and Elizabethan Court, followed by an early evening reception and small dinner to mark the 500th anniversary of William Cecil's birth. Guests would include representatives of the Lord Burghley 500 Foundation, members of Gresham committees, academics, cultural representatives and relevant livery companies.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lecture, early evening reception and dinner 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.

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

DATED this 16th day of July 2019.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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