

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 12th October 2019

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

(a) 150th Anniversary of United Synagogue

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a reception to mark the 150th anniversary in 2020 of the Jewish United Synagogues Act which formally established the United Synagogue as the union of British Orthodox Jewish synagogues.

There is a long association between the City and the Jewish community dating back to shortly after the Norman Conquest. The United Synagogue, which began with three synagogues in the City of London, remains the largest UK Jewish synagogue body. The London Metropolitan Archives holds one of the most important collections of Jewish archives in the country.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan Outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect tolerance (outcome 4a).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception to celebrate the 150th anniversary of the United Synagogue with arrangements being made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters. Guests would include representatives of the Jewish community in London, and leading cultural, business and political figures.

This would be a full Court event.

(b) 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment Reception

The 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance and Search) has a long and distinguished history. Formed in 1860 as the 1st Middlesex Volunteer Engineers, the Regiment has seen service since 1882 in Egypt, South Africa, both World Wars, Bosnia, Kosovo, Iraq and Afghanistan.

The Regiment has a close connection with the City of London. In 1997 the then Lord Mayor, Sir Richard Nichols, granted permission for the Regiment to change its title to 101 (City of London) Engineer Regiment (Explosive Ordnance Disposal) to reflect its links with the City.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a reception following a parade at Guildhall to mark the Regiment's return to London. Guests would include the Chief

Royal Engineer, serving members of the Regiment and their families, veterans, affiliated Livery Companies, cadets, and representatives from the City's other Privileged regiments.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan Outcomes: to promote effective progression through fulfilling education and employment (outcome 3c); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception following a Parade in Guildhall Yard in Summer 2020 with arrangements being 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) The Enchanted Interior exhibition private view.

The first of Guildhall Art Gallery's major exhibitions for 2020, *The Enchanted Interior*, will be on display from 13th March to 14th June. The exhibition will explore female empowerment during the 19th century, with a focus on Pre-Raphaelite and orientalist artists. Contemporary artworks by female artists will offer a current perspective.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view to mark the opening of the exhibition. This will provide an opportunity to promote the exhibition, thank lenders and supporters, and highlight the Corporation's role in the City and country's cultural offering. Guests would include those who worked on and supported the exhibition, and key individuals within the arts and culture sector. It is also proposed that those awarded the City Freedom as part of the 100 Women for Freedom initiative be invited.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan Outcomes: to provide access to world-class heritage, culture and learning to people of all ages, abilities and backgrounds (outcome 3b); to promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening private view to mark the opening of the exhibition with arrangements being made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(d) Queen Elizabeth Prize for Engineering lunch.

The Queen Elizabeth Prize, first given in 2013, is awarded for ground-breaking innovation in engineering. It is supported by a group of leading British and international manufacturing companies and has received the personal endorsement of Her Majesty The Queen, who will present the 2019 Prize at Buckingham Palace. This year the prize has been awarded to Dr Bradford Parkinson, Professor James Spilker, Jr, Hugo

FrueHauf, and Richard Schwartz for their work on the Global Positioning System (GPS), which has transformed navigation and precision timing.

It is proposed that a lunch be hosted by the City Corporation the day prior to the award ceremony at Buckingham Palace. It is anticipated that the guest list will include, in addition to the prize winners, government officials and policy makers, chief executive officers of corporate sponsors, and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to champion access to global talent (outcome 8b) and to champion investment in relevant skills and diverse talent pools (outcome 8d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a lunch with arrangements being made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the cost to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters. The host element would be the Public Relations and Economic Development Sub Committee and the Chair, Vice Chairs, Chairmen, Deputy Chairmen of a number of Committees.

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

DATED this 18th day of September 2019

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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