

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 5th December 2019

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

(a) Noel Coward exhibition and private view

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery on Wednesday 15 July 2020 to mark the launch of an exhibition about Noel Coward.

The private view will provide an opportunity to promote the exhibition, thank contributors and highlight the City Corporation's role in the City and country's cultural offering. The event would support 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 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.

This would be a full Court event.

(b) 2020 Lambeth Conference

The Lambeth Conference is the decennial assembly of bishops of the Anglican Communion. The 15th Lambeth Conference will take place in summer 2020. It is proposed to provide a lunchtime reception at Guildhall on 29th July 2020 to mark the conference. The event will provide an opportunity to develop further the close relationship the City Corporation has with Lambeth Palace and the Diocese of London; to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to promote London as an inclusive, diverse and multi-faith City; and to project the work and strategic aims of the City Corporation, with representatives from 165 countries attending the conference, building relations with a large number of countries across the world.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote and champion diversity, inclusion and the removal of institutional barriers and structural inequalities (outcome 3a); and to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a).

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

This would be a full Court event.

(c) Armed Forces Flag Day 2020

The annual Armed Forces Flag Day forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces. As in previous years, it is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a flag-raising ceremony in Guildhall Yard during the afternoon of Wednesday 24th June 2020, followed by light refreshments in the Old Library. Guests will include serving and retired military personnel, reservists, cadets, Masters and Clerks of Livery Companies, pupils from the City's Schools and academies, and representatives from the City's Privileged Regiments.

The event would support 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 a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(d) 2020 London Sports Awards Ceremony and Evening Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception at Guildhall on Friday 6 March 2020 following the 2020 London Sport Awards.

Since 2016, London Sport has held an annual awards ceremony to recognise the efforts of individuals and community organisations in developing physical activity and grassroots sports. The 2020 ceremony will coincide with the launch of the City Corporation's new Sports and Physical Activity Strategy. It is proposed that the awards take place at Guildhall and that the City Corporation host an evening reception following the ceremony. The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to grassroots sport in London as well as taking advantage of the City Corporation's business connections to bring together key sport providers.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide inclusive access to facilities for physical activity and recreation (outcome 2d); to bring individuals and communities together to share experience and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to support access to suitable community facilities, workspaces and visitor accommodation (outcome 4b).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an evening reception following the 2020 London Sports Awards, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; cost 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 23rd day of October 2019.

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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