

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 16th July 2020

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

(a) Thames Estuary Partnership Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on 18th November 2020 for the Thames Estuary Partnership. Thames Estuary Partnership is a charity seeking to protect and maintain the coastal, environmental and natural heritage of the River Thames for the public benefit. The event would take place in a manner that is consistent with any COVID-related restrictions that may be in place.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to support, celebrate and advocate responsible practices and investments (outcome 5c); to provide environmental stewardship and advocacy, in use of resources, emissions, conservation, greening biodiversity and access to nature (outcome 11c); and to build resilience to natural and man-made threats by strengthening, protecting and adopting our infrastructure, directly and by influencing others (outcome 12b).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Port Health & Environmental Services Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(b) 200th Anniversary of the death of John Keats – lecture and reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture followed by an early evening reception and small dinner on 23rd February 2021 to mark the 200th anniversary of the death of John Keats. Professor Nicholas Rowe, Professor of English Literature at the University of St Andrew's and also Chairman of the Keats Foundation, will give a lecture on the life and works of John Keats, in recognition of Keats' connection to the City.

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); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

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

(c) First Aid Nursing Yeomanry Corps Parade and Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a late afternoon reception following a Church Service and Parade by the First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (Princess Royal's Volunteer Corps) in Summer 2021. The First Aid Nursing Yeomanry, founded in 1907,

deploys multi-faceted rapid response teams to support civil and military authorities during emergencies. In September 2019, the Corps became a Privileged Corps of the City of London and to date there has been no ceremony or other event to mark this recognition by the City.

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 a late afternoon reception following a church service and a Parade in Guildhall Yard to mark the Corp's Privileged status; the costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

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

DATED this 23rd day of June 2020

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Deputy Brian Mooney
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party