

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 8th October 2020

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

(a) Hanukkah Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on 16th December 2020 to celebrate the Jewish festival of Hanukkah. The reception would provide an opportunity to celebrate the City Corporation's historic links with the Jewish community, demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to bringing together different communities, and promote London as an inclusive, diverse and multi-faith City. 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 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 and tolerance (outcome 4a).

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

(b) Annual Reception for Volunteers

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a reception for volunteers on 22nd March 2021. This annual reception provides an opportunity to thank individuals who give up their time voluntarily for the City Corporation and would have particular importance next year given the high level of volunteering in relation to the COVID pandemic. The event would take place in a manner that is consistent with any COVID-related restrictions that may be in place.

The City Corporation's volunteering strategy was launched in October 2018 with the aim of creating the best possible culture of volunteering, recognising the mutual benefit volunteering brings to both the City Corporation and the volunteers themselves.

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 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 and knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception 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) London Sport Awards 2021

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception and dinner at Guildhall on 14th May 2021 as part of the London Sport Awards 2021. Following consultation between the City Corporation and London Sport, it is proposed that next year's London Sport awards ceremony takes place at Guildhall and that the City Corporation hosts the reception and dinner element of the event. The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to grassroots sport and physical activity.

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

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for the London Sports Awards 2021 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.

(d) High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Grand Hall of the Old Bailey for the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales in May 2021.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual reception for the High Sheriffs' Association at the Old Bailey since 2018. The reception aims to further relations between the Sheriffs of the City of London and the High Sheriffs of England and Wales.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes; to bring together individuals and communities to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving of time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d); and to preserve and promote the City as a world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c).

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

(e) Central London Bench Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Grand Hall at the Old Bailey for the Central London Bench in June 2021.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual reception for the Central London Bench at the Old Bailey since 2018. The reception aims to further relations between the City of London Corporation and the Central London Bench.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1a); to advocate and facilitate greater levels of giving time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d); and to promote regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law (outcome 6a).

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

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

DATED this 22nd day of September 2020

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Deputy Brian Mooney
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party