

Committee:	Date:
Policy & Resources	10 December 2020
Subject: National Preparedness Commission	Public
Which outcomes in the City Corporation's Corporate Plan does this proposal aim to impact directly?	1, 2, 3, 4, 9, 10, 12
Does this proposal require extra revenue and/or capital spending?	No
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Summary

Lord Toby Harris has established a National Preparedness Commission to look at what needs to be done systemically to improve societal preparedness and resilience, drawing on any lessons from the current crisis. Several organisations have signed up to be partners and the City has been invited to consider being a partner. This would not involve any financial commitment from the City.

Recommendation(s)

Members are requested to

- Accept the invitation from the National Preparedness Commission to become a partner.

Main Report

Background

1. The current COVID19 crisis has shown how major events precipitate and accelerate major long-term changes.
2. The National Preparedness Commission has been established with a view to ensuring that preparedness and resilience receives greater policy consideration and debate, working towards building a society that is better able to deal with traumatic events. More information about the Commission is set out at Appendix 1.
3. In the City context, preparedness and resilience are about ensuring that the City of London is a place where businesses and employees working and living in the City can feel comfortable and secure.

Current Position

4. Various aspects of the City's strategic work will be of relevance to the Commission. The Commission is particularly interested in developing the concept of preparedness and place, where the City may have relevant expertise and networks.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

Financial implications

5. Partnership would not involve any financial commitment from the City.

Resource implications

6. As the Commission's work progresses, it is possible that staff may, from time-to-time, become involved with work relating to the Commission where relevant to delivering Corporate objectives and where capacity allows.
7. It is also reasonable to assume that the Commission may, from time-to-time, request to use the Guildhall's facilities for meetings and so on. Any such requests would be subject to the usual consideration and approval processes.

Conclusion

8. The City Corporation has been approached by the National Preparedness Commission to partner in its work. Members are asked to consider whether to accept this invitation to collaborate.

Appendices

- Appendix 1 – Background note, National Preparedness Commission

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