

## Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2021*

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

#### **(a) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2021**

It is proposed that the City Corporation continues to collaborate with the Industry and Parliament Trust on a series of meetings in 2021 related to areas of interest to the City Corporation. Guests and speakers would include a City representative such as the Lord Mayor or Policy Chair, parliamentarians, policy makers, and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

These events would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to influence UK and global policy and regulations, and international agreements to protect and grow the UK economy; and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture.

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

#### **(b) Pride Flag Raising Ceremony 2021**

The 2021 Pride in London Parade is planned to take place on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> September, subject to any COVID restrictions that might be in place at the time. It is proposed that on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> September the Pride Flag is raised at Guildhall.

If a reception is possible, it is proposed that the City Corporation would host a reception in Guildhall as in previous years. Should COVID restrictions preclude a reception taking place in the normal format, alternative formats would be considered including an outdoor reception and/or a virtual hybrid event.

Guests would include representatives of the LGBTQ+ networks, businesses and firms within the City and leading LGBTQ+ charities.

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 2a) 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 or other event following the Pride Flag raising and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Establishment Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

The host element will be Establishment Committee, Hospitality Working Party and Members with relevant interests.

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

DATED this of 23<sup>rd</sup> Day of February 2021

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

**Deputy Brian Desmond Francis Mooney**  
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party