

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

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday, 17<sup>th</sup> June 2021*

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

#### **Northern Ireland Business and Innovation Showcase Reception**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a reception on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021 preceding the Northern Ireland Business and Innovation Showcase.

The Northern Ireland Office, working with the Department of International Trade and Invest NI, are planning to hold, as one of a number of events to mark the centenary of the establishment of Northern Ireland, a major business event in London promoting Northern Ireland businesses. This is planned to take place at the Queen Elizabeth II Centre on 15<sup>th</sup> September 2021. It is proposed that the City Corporation would host a reception at Guildhall on the evening preceding the launch of the Showcase at which business representatives, particularly from the FPS sector, including FinTech, would be able to meet with representatives of Northern Ireland based small and medium-sized companies.

The event would support Corporate Plan outcomes: to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote well-being, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); to attract and retain investment and promote exports of goods and services across multiple global markets (outcome 6d); and to strengthen local, regional, national and international relationships to secure new opportunities for business collaboration and innovation (outcome 7b).

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 agreed parameters.

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

DATED this of 18th Day of May 2021

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

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