

Report – Hospitality Working Party of the Policy and Resources Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday, 10th March 2022

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

(a) Central London Bench Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception for the Central London Bench in the Grand Hall at the Central Criminal Court on Wednesday 5th October 2022.

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

This 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 approved parameters.

(b) Emergency Services Day Flag Raising and Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a flag raising ceremony and breakfast reception on Friday 9th September 2022 to mark Emergency Services Day.

Emergency Services Day is a nationally recognised annual event that takes place on 9th September each year to show public support for those who work and volunteer in the emergency services. It promotes using emergency services responsibly and encourages people to consider the many volunteering opportunities available.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to prepare our response to natural and made-made threats (outcome 1a); to tackle terrorism, violent and acquisitive crime, fraud, cyber-crime and anti-social behaviour and facilitate justice (outcome 1b); to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); and to safeguard children, young people and adults at risk (outcome 1d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(c) London Port Health Authority 150th Anniversary Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception on 6th September 2022 to mark the 150th anniversary of the London Port Health Authority at the Museum of London Docklands.

The Mayor and Commonality and Citizens of the City of London were first constituted as the Port Sanitary Authority for the Port of London under the Public Health Act 1872. The reception would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to the work of the Authority and London's wellbeing and environment while maintaining and promoting international trade.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to protect consumers and users of buildings, streets and public spaces (outcome 1c); to attract and retain investment and promote exports of goods and services across multiple global markets (outcome 6d); and to influence UK and global policy and regulation and international agreements to protect the environment (outcome 11d).

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

This would be a whole Court event.

(d) Private View for the launch of the Guildhall Art Gallery Exhibition 'Inspired!'

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery to mark the launch of the exhibition 'Inspired!' on Thursday 21st April 2022.

The Exhibition 'Inspired!' will be on display from 8th April until 11th September 2022 in Guildhall Art Gallery and will be the first major exhibition following the Gallery's three-month closure for a sprinkler replacement project. Works featured in the exhibition will be drawn from the Gallery's permanent collection. The exhibition will examine ways in which visual arts, particularly the Victorian narrative painters, have been inspired by the literary arts and also music.

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); to promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening private view and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(e) Early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th Anniversary Gala Concert

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception prior to the Centre for Young Musicians' 50th Anniversary gala concert at the Barbican Centre on Wednesday 25th May 2022.

The Centre for Young Musicians was founded in 1970 and is a division of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. 2020 marked the Centre's 50th Anniversary and a planned gala concert and reception had to be cancelled owing to Covid restrictions that were in place at the time.

The occasion would provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's role as a leading provider of culture within London and the UK as well as its commitment to the Centre, the London School Symphony Orchestra and the Guildhall School of Music and Drama.

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); to promote the City, London and the UK as attractive and accessible places to live, learn, work and visit (outcome 8a); and to protect, curate and promote world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Board of Governors of the Guildhall School of Music and Drama; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(f) Memorial Reception for Archbishop Desmond Tutu

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a memorial reception at Guildhall on the evening of Tuesday 21st June 2022.

The Most Reverend Desmond Tutu, Archbishop Emeritus of Cape Town, died in December 2021 and a Memorial Service is planned to take place at Westminster Abbey on 9th June 2022. Archbishop Tutu received the Honorary Freedom of the City in 2013. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception to provide an opportunity to celebrate the life of Archbishop Tutu and reflect the City Corporation's commitment to promoting a diverse and inclusive society.

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 evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(g) Early evening reception following Pride Flag Raising

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on Monday 27th June 2022 following the Pride Flag raising at Guildhall to mark the Pride in London Festival. 2022 marks the 50th anniversary of the first UK Gay Pride Rally which was held in London.

The Pride in London Parade is the UK's largest LGBT+ event. The 2020 and 2021 Parades were cancelled as a result of the Covid pandemic; however, the Pride Flag

was raised at Guildhall and other City Corporation buildings to demonstrate support for the LGBT+ community. The occasions were marked by small ceremonies in Guildhall Yard.

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 and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(h) Early evening reception for the "Safe to Be Me: A Global Equality Conference"

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception on Wednesday 29th June 2022 to welcome delegates to the "Safe to Be Me: A Global Equality Conference" to London.

The UK Government will host its first global LGBT+ conference later this year. The "Safe to be Me: A Global Equality Conference" aims to bring together governments, business, civil society and parliamentarians to share best practice, develop policy, and take action to improve the safety and wellbeing of LGBT+ people throughout the world. The conference will take place in London from 29th June to 1st July 2022, coinciding with the 50th anniversary of the first official Pride rally held in London. It is proposed that the City Corporation host an early evening reception on the first day of the conference to welcome delegates to London.

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); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); 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 for an early evening reception and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Policy and Resources Committee; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(i) Performance by the Commonwealth Youth Choir and Orchestra

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a performance by the Commonwealth Youth Choir and Orchestra in the Great Hall followed by an early evening reception in the Old Library on Thursday 14th July 2022.

The Commonwealth Youth Choir was established in 2010 with a mission to "engage-educate-empower". Through the Commonwealth Music Partnership it aims to link musicians, choirs, orchestras and music schools in all 54 nations of the Commonwealth and provide opportunities for fully funded international exchanges, education and collaboration.

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 and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(j) Early Evening Reception to celebrate Diwali

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Crypts to celebrate Diwali on Friday 28th October 2022.

Diwali is the five-day Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights, celebrated every autumn. The reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to celebrate the contribution of the British Indian community and would also present an opportunity to develop further the City's relationship with the Hindu Council UK.

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 to celebrate Diwali and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

This would be a whole Court event.

(k) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2022

It is proposed the City Corporation hosts in 2022 a series of approximately six parliamentary meetings in association with the Industry and Parliament Trust (IPT).

IPT is a non-partisan registered charity, based in Parliament, that provides a platform for engagement between parliamentarians and UK business. It is supported by cross-party representation of senior parliamentarians. The City Corporation's relationship with IPT has resulted in meetings arranged each year to discuss a range of issues relevant to the City. Meetings are planned in liaison with City Corporation departments to reflect City Corporation priorities.

These events would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to influence UK and global policy and regulation and international agreements to protect and grow the UK economy (outcome 6b); and to preserve and promote the City as the world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a series of parliamentary meetings and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Hospitality Working Party; costs to be met from City's Cash within agreed parameters.

(I) Report of Urgent Action Taken: International Women's Day networking breakfast and panel discussion

In accordance with Standing Order No. 19, urgent authority was sought to the City Corporation hosting a networking breakfast and panel discussion on Friday 4th March 2022 to mark International Women's Day.

International Women's Day celebrates the social, economic, cultural and political achievements of women. It aims to raise awareness about women's equality, lobby for accelerated gender parity, and raise funds for women focused charities.

Urgent approval was sought and granted to the City Corporation hosting a panel discussion and networking breakfast. The event was intended to provide an opportunity to highlight the City Corporation's commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion in the City and the UK.

Following the decision of Hospitality Working Party at its meeting on 20th January 2022 to approve the application for hospitality, it became apparent that waiting until the next formal Court of Common Council meeting to be held on 10th March 2022 would not allow for the necessary arrangements to proceed and the event to take place.

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

DATED this 15th Day of February 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Working Party.

Deputy Brian Mooney
Chief Commoner and Chairman, Hospitality Working Party