

## Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee of the Policy and Resources Committee

### Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> June 2022*

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

**(a) Early Evening Reception following a lecture by the Deputy President of the Supreme Court**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lecture to be given by the Deputy President of the Supreme Court, the Rt Hon Lord Hodge, followed by an early evening reception and a small private dinner on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> October 2022.

The lecture would focus on the contribution of UK courts to commercial life, the City and international commerce, by their upholding of the rule of law. Guests at the reception would include members of the Supreme Court and other UK Courts, the legal profession, Government and legal sector organisations and commercial firms and Members with relevant interests.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote regulatory confidence founding on the rule of law (outcome 6a); 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 lecture, early evening reception and small private dinner 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) High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales Early Evening Reception**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Grand Hall at the Central Criminal Court for the High Sheriffs' Association of England and Wales in May 2023.

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 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 time, skills, knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d); 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 an early evening reception 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.

**(c) Commonwealth High Commissioners' Banquet**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the Commonwealth High Commissioners' Banquet at Guildhall on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

The City Corporation has hosted an annual dinner for the Commonwealth High Commissioners since 2015. The banquet provides an opportunity to engage further with the Commonwealth and build on the relationships established with the Royal Commonwealth Society and Commonwealth Enterprise Investment Council.

The Event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to strengthen local, regional, national and international relationships to secure new opportunities for business, collaboration and innovation (outcome 7b); to preserve and promote the City as a world-leading global centre for financial and professional services, commerce and culture (outcome 7c); to promote the UK as open to business and enterprise and for its world-leading education offer (outcome 7e); and to champion investment in relevant skills and diverse talent pools (outcome 8d).

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.

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

DATED this 17<sup>th</sup> Day of May 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

**Deputy Edward Lord**  
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee