

Report – Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 8th September 2022

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

(a) Early evening reception to celebrate Hannukah

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Art Gallery on Wednesday 14th December 2022 to celebrate the Jewish festival of Hannukah.

The City Corporation has hosted a reception to celebrate Hanukkah since 2019. There is a long association between the City and the Jewish community, and the reception would provide an opportunity to mark and enhance this relationship.

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 and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(b) Networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark International Women's day

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion on Friday 10th March 2023 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-focussed charities. International Women's Day has been marked by a reception at Guildhall since 2007.

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 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 4b); and to champion investment in relevant skills and diverse talent pools (outcome 7d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion 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) Armed Forces Flag Day 2023

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments at Guildhall on the afternoon of Friday 23rd June 2023 to mark Armed Forces Flag Day.

Armed Forces Flag Day was established in 2009 to provide an opportunity to show support for members of the Armed Forces and Service families. It forms part of a week of activities across the country to raise public awareness of the contribution made by the Armed Forces.

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 for a flag-raising ceremony followed by light refreshments and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken: Afternoon reception to recognise the achievements of Team England at the 2022 Commonwealth Games.

It was proposed that the City Corporation host an afternoon reception on Wednesday 7th September 2022 to recognise the achievement of Team England following the conclusion of the Commonwealth Games.

The event would provide an opportunity to demonstrate the City Corporation's ongoing commitment to sport and physical activity and to promote the facilities and activities across the City Corporation's Open Spaces. It would also be an opportunity to network with key Commonwealth sport partners and stakeholders, as well as national and international sports representatives. Support for this event would also allow the City Corporation to build on its role in promoting the importance of elite sport and major sporting events to the UK's trade and soft power position and leave it well placed to support future Commonwealth Games bids and overseas competitions.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide inclusive access to facilities for physical activity and recreation (outcome 2d); to bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and to support access to suitable community facilities, workspaces and visitor accommodation (outcome 4b).

Following the decision of Civic Affairs Sub-Committee at its meeting on 18 July 2022 to approve the application for hospitality, it was clear that waiting until the Court of Common Council meeting to be held on Thursday 8th September 2022 would not allow for the necessary arrangements to proceed. Urgent approval was, therefore, sought and obtained in accordance with Standing Order No.19. Members are asked to note the urgent action taken.

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

DATED this 18th day of July 2022.

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Deputy Edward Lord, OBE JP
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee