

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

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 8th December 2022

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

(a) Networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark Mental Health Awareness Week

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion on Wednesday 17th May 2023 to mark Mental Health Awareness Week.

Mental Health Awareness Week is an annual event intended to focus attention on the importance of achieving good mental health and in 2023 will run from 13th to 20th May. The Mental Health Foundation, a leading mental health charity, will announce the theme for 2023 later this year.

The event would provide an opportunity to bring together individuals and organisations involved in promoting mental health, highlighting the City Corporation's commitment to promoting good mental health among its own staff, those living in the City and people working in City businesses. Guests at the event would include Members, policymakers, and representatives from mental health initiatives with which the City is involved, and national and local mental health organisations.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote equality and inclusion in health through outreach to our working, learning and residential communities and better service design and delivery (outcome 2a); to raise awareness of factors affecting mental and physical health (objective 2b); and to provide advice and signposting to activities and services (objective 2c).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted for a networking breakfast reception and panel discussion to mark Mental Health Awareness Week, and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Health and Wellbeing Board; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(b) Early evening reception to celebrate Vaisakhi

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Old Library on Thursday 27th April 2023 to celebrate Vaisakhi.

Vaisakhi is one of the most important festivals in the Sikh calendar. Hosting a reception would provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to celebrate the contribution of the Sikh community in London and the UK, develop further the City's relationship with the community and demonstrate the City Corporation's commitment to bringing together different communities and celebrating London as a multi-faith city. Speakers would include the Lord Mayor and a senior representative of the Sikh community. Guests at the event would include representatives from Sikh community

organisations, the City's faith communities, politicians and City Businesses, and members of the City Corporation's Multi-Faith and CLEAR staff networks.

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 Vaisakhi 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.

(c) Annual reception to thank volunteers who support the work of the City Corporation

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Guildhall on Monday 5th June 2023 to recognise the work of volunteers who support City Corporation departments.

The City Corporation launched its volunteering strategy in 2018. Its aim is to create the best possible culture of volunteering, recognising the mutual benefit that volunteering brings to both the City Corporation and the volunteers themselves.

The reception provides an opportunity to thank individuals who give up their time voluntarily, and to highlight the City Corporation's commitment to giving people opportunities to enrich their lives and reach their full potential.

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 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 and knowledge, advice and money (outcome 5d).

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.

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

DATED this 7th Day of October 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Deputy Edward Lord
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee