

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

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 12th January 2023

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

(a) Afternoon reception following the official opening of the City Junior School

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an afternoon reception following the official opening of the City Junior School on Friday 27th January 2023.

The City of London Junior School is a joint venture between the City of London School and City of London School for Girls and is the first new independent school to have opened in the City in 128 years. The Lord Mayor and Baroness Hall, a Gray's Inn bencher and supporter of the school, will officially open the school and unveil a plaque to mark the occasion.

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); promote effective progression through fulfilling education and employment (outcome 3c); and cultivate excellence in academia, sport and creative and performing arts (outcome 3d).

It is **recommended** that hospitality be granted and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Board of Governors of the City Junior school; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(b) Industry and Parliament Trust Programme 2023

It is proposed that the City Corporation continues to collaborate with the Industry and Parliament Trust on a series of meetings in 2023 related to areas of interest to the City Corporation. Guests and speakers would include a City representative such as the Lord Mayor or Policy Chair, parliamentarians, policy makers, and prominent business, academic and industry representatives.

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 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) Major League Baseball London Series 2023 Official Welcome Reception

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception at Guildhall on Friday 23rd June 2023 as the official welcome event prior to the 2023 Major League

Baseball London Series.

In June 2019, Major League Baseball (MLB) organised two regular season games at London Stadium in the Olympic Park, with these being the first games ever played in London. Two further games were due to take place in 2020 but were postponed due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Following the positive feedback from the 2019 games, MLB invited European cities to bid to host games in future years, with the Greater London Authority (GLA) putting together a successful bid in 2020 to host two games in London each year from 2023 – 2026.

Included as part of London's bid was provision for an event for 800 MLB guests on the evening prior to the series.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to provide inclusive access to facilities for physical activity and recreation (outcome 2d); to cultivate excellence in academia, sport and creative and performing arts (outcome 3d); 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 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.

This would be a full Court event.

(d) **Private View to launch 'The Big City' exhibition**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a private view in Guildhall Art Gallery to launch 'The Big City' exhibition on Thursday 9th February 2023.

The exhibition 'The Big City: London Painted on a Grand Scale' will be on display from 10th February until 23rd April 2023 in Guildhall Art Gallery. 'The Big City' will celebrate artists who have painted London on a monumental scale and will feature the collection's largest paintings.

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 and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Culture, Heritage and Libraries Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(e) **Early evening reception following Pride Flag Raising**

The 2023 Pride in London Parade will take place on Saturday 1st July 2023, with advice from the Department for Culture Media and Sport to Government Departments being for the Rainbow Flag to be flown during the week from Monday 26th June 2023.

It is proposed that the Pride Flag fly at Guildhall in line with Government advice and that the City Corporation hosts a reception in the Old Library following the flag raising on Monday 26th June. The reception will provide an opportunity for the City Corporation to show its continuing support for the LGBT+ community and its commitment to promoting diversity and inclusion throughout 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); 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 and that arrangements are made under the auspices of the Communications and Corporate Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(f) Early evening reception to mark the Installation of the new Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to mark the Installation of the new Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry Church on Wednesday 19th April 2023.

The Reverend Canon Parrott retired as the Guild Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry Church on 31st October 2021, with interviews currently taking place to appoint a new Vicar. St Lawrence Jewry is currently closed as it undergoes a major refurbishment and is due to re-open in January 2023.

A Service of Installation for the new Vicar of St Lawrence Jewry is planned to take place on Wednesday 19th April 2023 at 4.30pm, with the Service being conducted by the Bishop of 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 3a); 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 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.

(g) Supper for the City Benefices

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a supper for the City Benefices at Guildhall on Monday 20th February 2023.

The City of London Corporation has a long-standing patronage of Church of England Benefices in the dioceses of London, Southwark and Chelmsford. These form an important element in the relationship with the Church extending beyond the City of London.

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a supper for Benefices, with the aim of bringing together the representatives of each benefice, to promote City relationships

and provide a forum for informal discussion on matters of common interest.

Guests would include representatives from the City Benefices, Church representatives, Members of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee and Members with relevant interests. It is anticipated that the Bishop of London would attend and speak.

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); 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 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.

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

DATED this 6th Day of December 2022

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

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