

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

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 9th March 2023

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

(a) **Early Evening Reception for the Central London Bench**

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 4th October 2023.

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

The 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 of 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 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.

(b) **Evening Reception to celebrate Diwali**

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in November 2023 to celebrate Diwali.

Diwali is the five-day Hindu, Sikh and Jain festival of lights celebrated every autumn. It is the festival of new beginnings and symbolises the victory of good over evil and knowledge over ignorance. During the festival, homes, temples and workspaces are illuminated with lamps and candles. Families and communities come together for meals, gifts are exchanged, and community parades take place with music and dance performances. In 2023, Diwali is likely to begin on Sunday 12th November.

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 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) Early evening reception following the UK commemorative ceremony to mark Holocaust Memorial Day

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an evening reception in the Old Library following the holding in Great Hall of the UK Commemorative Ceremony to mark Holocaust Memorial Day in January 2024

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 Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(d) Finale of the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the finale of the Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition in Guildhall Yard followed by a buffet lunch in the Crypts on Saturday 23rd September 2023.

The Lord Mayor's Cadet Music Competition is an annual event that began in 2017. It consists of a series of heats between all cadet units in London and culminates with a finale between the top four cadet units in Guildhall Yard.

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 of 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 Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

This would be a full Court event.

(e) Naz Legacy Foundation 10th Anniversary Panel Discussion and Eid Dinner

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an interfaith panel discussion followed by an Eid dinner to celebrate the 10th anniversary of the Naz Legacy Foundation on Wednesday 12th July 2023.

Founded in 2012, the Naz Legacy Foundation is a UK-based charity established to continue the legacy of the late Naz Bokhari OBE, the first Muslim head teacher at a secondary school in the UK. Its aim is to help young people from minority communities and disadvantaged backgrounds by supporting education in UK democracy and civil society, providing advice and assistance in developing skills and abilities, and promoting interfaith relations. The Foundation has received repeated public support from The King and senior political figures.

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 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 7th Day of February 2023

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

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