

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

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 25th May 2023

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

(a) The Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the Band of the Royal Yeomanry Concert in Guildhall Yard followed by a supper in the Basinghall Suite for musicians from the band on Wednesday 14 June 2023.

The Military Band Concert is an annual City Corporation event at which the Band of the Royal Yeomanry, one of two Army Reserve State Bands, perform an early evening concert in Guildhall Yard. The concert is open to the public and provides an opportunity for City workers, residents and visitors to the City to enjoy a summer concert.

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 inspire enterprise, excellence, creativity and collaboration (outcome 10).

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) Networking Breakfast Reception to mark Black History Month

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a networking breakfast reception following a guest interview on Thursday 5th October 2023 to mark Black History Month.

The event is intended to recognise the contribution of the British African Caribbean community and is an opportunity to learn more about the effects of racism and how to challenge negative stereotypes.

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); 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 Equality, Diversity and Inclusion Sub-Committee; the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

(c) Parliamentary Terrace Reception 2023

It was proposed that the City Corporation hosts the annual City Parliamentary Terrace Reception on Tuesday 6th June 2023.

The City Corporation has for a number of years hosted a reception in Parliament, providing a valuable opportunity to engage with the City's parliamentary contacts.

This application had been submitted in accordance with the usual procedures and circulated to all Members and appeared on the Court's agenda in the usual way at its meeting on 27 April. Unfortunately, due to the expiry of time at that meeting, it was unable to be considered. In view of the administrative issues which would be caused by further delay to their consideration for the requirement to make arrangements for the event; for b) the Town Clerk was of the opinion that there were valid grounds for urgency pursuant to Standing Order nos.16 and 19.

Hospitality was therefore granted for a Parliamentary Terrace Reception on 6 June 2023, with arrangements to be made under the auspices of the Policy & Resources Committee and the costs to be met from City's Cash within approved parameters.

Members are asked to note the urgent action taken.

(d) Report of Urgent Action Taken – Coronation Events

It was proposed that consideration be given to specific opportunities for community engagement in celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III.

In respect of events for which City Hospitality might be provided, it was proposed that a fund be made available for bids by City housing estates to support street parties or other celebratory activities locally.

As a way of engaging students in the City family of schools, it was proposed that there should be an art competition with the theme "Royally Inspired", with a selected group of students being invited to an afternoon viewing of the winning entries and reception in the Guildhall, along with their parents/guardians.

It was also proposed that a commemorative coin be produced, to be given to students in the City family of schools and others in the Corporation.

Given the need to publicise the funding programme, issue details of the art competition and allowing for time needed for commissioning the coin, an urgent decision was sought and obtained to allow the necessary arrangements to proceed.

Members are asked to note the urgent action taken.

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

DATED this 31st March 2023

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Civic Affairs Sub-Committee