

Report – Civic Affairs Sub (Policy and Resources) Committee

Applications for Hospitality

To be presented on Thursday 7th September 2023

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

SUMMARY

This report sets out proposals for, and seeks agreement to, the provision of hospitality by the City of London Corporation at various forthcoming events.

(a) Early evening reception following the Hamlyn Law Lecture

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts the third and final Hamlyn Law Lecture of 2023 on Tuesday 7 November 2023 to be given by Lord Thomas of Cwmgiedd, followed by an early evening reception.

The Hamlyn Trust was established in 1948 by the will of Miss Emma Warburton Hamlyn in memory of her father, a solicitor and JP in Torquay. The trust intended that, through their lectures “the Common People of our Country may realise the privileges which in law and custom they enjoy in comparison with other European Peoples”. The lectures have been given every year since 1949, they are held in extremely high regard and are seen as influential lectures amongst members of the legal profession.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: to promote regulatory confidence founded on the rule of law (outcome 6a); 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.

(b) Lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception following the Laying Up of Colours of The London Regiment on Saturday 20th April 2024.

The London Regiment, which traced its descent from an antecedent regiment formed in 1908, was created in 1993 and was granted privileged status and became one of the City’s Privileged Regiments in 1995.

As part of the Integrated Review and Future Soldier programme, the London

Regiment was redesignated the 1st Battalion London Guards, effective from 1 May 2022 and its new stand of colours are due to be presented to the Regiment on 9 July 2023 at Buckingham Palace. The Regiment received its first stand of Colours in 1997 and these will be laid up at a service in St Lawrence Jewry Church on Saturday 20th April 2024.

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 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.

(c) Early evening reception following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society

It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception at Guildhall on Wednesday 11th September 2024 following a Service at St Paul's Cathedral to celebrate the 250th Anniversary of the Royal Humane Society.

The Royal Humane Society was founded in London in 1774 by William Hawes and Thomas Cogan, who were keen to promote techniques of resuscitation. It became apparent that people were putting their own lives in danger rescuing others and awards were given in recognition of these acts of bravery. This remains the purpose of the Society today, and their aim is "to recognise brave and selfless people who put others before themselves".

Since its foundation the Royal Humane Society has considered over 88,000 cases and over 200,000 awards and the London Metropolitan Archives is the custodian of the Society's archive. The President of the Royal Humane Society is Her Royal Highness Princess Alexandra, and the Lord Mayor is one of the Vice Presidents.

The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: Prepare our response to natural and man-made threats (outcome 1a); Bring individuals and communities together to share experiences and promote wellbeing, mutual respect and tolerance (outcome 4a); and contribute to protecting, curating and promoting world-class heritage assets, cultural experiences and events (outcome 10d).

It **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.

DATED this 13th day of July 2023

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Tom Sleigh
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee