

Report – Civic Affairs Sub-Committee

Report of Urgent Action Taken: Welcome reception for the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting

*To be presented on Thursday, 12th October 2023
To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons*

SUMMARY

This report sets out actions taken under urgency procedures in respect of applications for hospitality.

The City Corporation agreed to host a welcome reception for the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting (10CYMM) on Monday 11th September 2023. Members are invited to note the decision taken under urgency procedures.

MAIN REPORT

The Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting is a significant conference held every four years, addressing youth policy for Commonwealth member states. The meeting contributes to broader social and sustainable development goals from a youth development perspective. This year's event was due to be held in Pakistan but, due to the flooding which has struck that nation, the meeting was being moved to London at short notice. Given this, it had been proposed that the City Corporation host a welcome reception for the meeting.

The 10CYMM serves as a platform for Ministers to discuss emerging youth development issues, assess the current post-pandemic realities in member states, celebrate 50 years of youth development in the Commonwealth, share practical ideas and approaches and identify collaborative opportunities. The London Mayor, the Duke of Edinburgh and the Speaker of the House of Commons all host events to welcome these delegations and give them a unique experience of London.

Members were invited to support a proposal that the City Corporation hosts a welcome reception for the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting. The event presented an opportunity to showcase the City Corporation's support for the Commonwealth institutions and for encouraging and developing young people.

When the City was made aware of the application, a decision of Court of Common Council was sought under urgency procedure to allow the time necessary to prepare for the event, and granting approval as follows:

- The provision hospitality in the form of a reception on the occasion of the 10th Commonwealth Youth Ministers Meeting, with arrangements to be made

under the auspices of the Civic Affairs Sub-Committee; costs to be within approved parameters.

RECOMMENDATION

- We **recommend** that the action taken be noted.

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

DATED this 1st day of September 2023.

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

Tom Sleigh
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee