

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

## Applications for Hospitality

*To be presented on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024*

*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, namely the Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony and Reception, 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pikemen and Musketeers and the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Privileged Regiment status being granted to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.

#### **(a) Holocaust Memorial Day Ceremony and Reception**

1. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception to mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, following the Holocaust Memorial Day (HMD) Ceremony.
2. Holocaust Memorial Day takes place in January each year and marks the anniversary of the liberation of the Auschwitz-Birkenau concentration camp in Poland in 1945. The United Nations has called on all member States to honour the six million Jewish victims of the Holocaust and the millions of other victims of Nazism, the victims of subsequent genocides in Cambodia, Rwanda, Bosnia and Darfur, and to develop educational programmes to help prevent future genocides.
3. The UK played a leading role in establishing HMD as an International Day of Commemoration in 2000, when 46 governments signed the Stockholm Declaration. The Holocaust Memorial Trust was established in 2005 as a charity supported by the Government to promote and organise the annual commemoration in the UK. HM The King has been patron of the Trust since 2015.
4. 2025 will mark the 80<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz and will also mark the 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Genocide in Srebrenica, Bosnia. Supporting the 2025 event would recognise these important anniversaries and help the Trust continue momentum and support renewing the impact of the national event.
5. The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: Diverse Engaged Communities; Engage with all our communities across the City working to increase participation in co-creating and delivering services; Vibrant Thriving Destination: Be home to an exciting all-year-round events programme. Providing Excellent Services: Promote the health, wellbeing, and quality of life of people of all ages. Flourishing Public Spaces: Ensure our open spaces and historic sites are thriving, accessible and enrich people's lives.
6. 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.

7. This would be a full Court event.

**(b) 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pikemen and Musketeers**

8. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts an early evening reception in the Great Hall, Guildhall, on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025 to celebrate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Pikemen and Musketeers following a service of evensong at St Paul's Cathedral.
9. The Company of Pikemen and Musketeers of the Honourable Artillery Company celebrate their 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in 2025 together with the Platinum Jubilee of their Royal Warrant. The Company provide an important element to all major ceremonial occasions, adding colour, historical interest, and a unique piece of City pageantry with their presence. The links between Guildhall and Armoury House are very close and can be traced back over many centuries with many Common Councillors past and present serving in the Company.
10. The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes; Diverse Engaged Communities: Engage with all our communities across the City, working to increase participation in co-creating and delivering services; Vibrant and Thriving Destination: Be home to an exciting all-year-round events programme. Flourishing Public Spaces: Ensuring our open spaces and historic sites are thriving, accessible and enrich people's lives.
11. 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.
12. This would be a full Court event.

**(c) Royal Regiment of Fusiliers 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Privileged Regiment Status**

13. It is proposed that the City Corporation hosts a lunchtime reception in the Great Hall, Guildhall, on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 following a march through the City of London to mark the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Privileged Regiment status being granted to the Royal Regiment of Fusiliers.
14. The Royal Regiment of Fusiliers was formed in April 1968 after an amalgamation of four former Fusilier Regiments: the Royal Northumberland Fusiliers, the Royal Warwickshire Fusiliers, the Royal Fusiliers (City of London Regiment) and the Lancashire Fusiliers. Privileged Status, in its more modern form of other units and regiments began to be recognised in the early twentieth century, with the Court of Aldermen confirming the Privileged Status of the Royal Fusiliers in 1924. 2024 will mark the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Regiment with the accompanying right to march through the City of London with colours flying, drums beating and bayonets fixed.
15. There have been three previous occasions that the Regiment has exercised its right to march through the City. The first time was in 1994, the second was in 2008 and then again in 2018 for their 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary when the Colonel in Chief, His Royal Highness The Duke of Kent was present.
16. The event would support the following Corporate Plan outcomes: Diverse Engaged Communities: Engage with all communities across the City, working to increase participation in co-creating and delivering services; Vibrant Thriving Destination: Be Home to an exciting all-year-round events programme. Flourishing Public Spaces: Ensure our open spaces and historic sites are thriving, accessible and enrich people's lives.
17. 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.

18. This would be a full Court event.

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

DATED this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of April 2024

SIGNED on behalf of the Sub-Committee.

**Tom Sleigh**  
Chair, Civic Affairs Sub-Committee