

TO:	CHAIR AND MEMBERS CORPORATE SERVICES COMMITTEE MEETING OF APRIL 23, 2013
FROM:	GRANT HOPCROFT, DIRECTOR OF INTERGOVERNMENTAL AND COMMUNITY LIAISON
SUBJECT	REPORT ON A VISITING DELEGATION FROM CHONGQING, CHINA MARCH 2013

RECOMMENDATION

That, on the recommendation of the Director of Intergovernmental and Community Liaison, this report on the March 2013 visit by a delegation from Chongqing, China, **BE RECEIVED**.

PREVIOUS REPORTS PERTINENT TO THIS MATTER
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Memorandum of Understanding with Jinshan, Finance & Administration, October 3, 2011.
 Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China, Finance and Administration, November 16, 2011
 Status Report on Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China, City Council, November 21, 2011
 Report on Team London Trade Scoping Mission to China November 2011, Finance and Administrative Services Committee, February 6, 2012
 Team London Mission to China, March 2012, Finance & Administrative Services, March 20, 2012
 Team London Mission to China, April 2012, Finance and Administrative Services, June 18, 2012

BACKGROUND

On March 26, London received a delegation from Chongqing, one of four centrally administered municipalities in China with a population of over 28 million. The visit was a follow-up to Team London's missions to China in November 2011 and April 2012 and has helped deepen London's economic and cultural ties with Chongqing.

A delegation of four people representing the Chongqing Science & Technology Commission briefly visited London on March 26. The group was hosted by the Asia Business Opportunities Committee (ABOC) of the London Chamber of Commerce, City of London, the London Economic Development Corporation and King's University College. Following a welcome from the Investment and Economic Prosperity Chair, Councillor Joe Swan, they heard presentations on the work of the Global Business Opportunities Committee (GBOC) of the London Chamber of Commerce, the Global Business Ambassador Program which is under development by King's College University, the Schulich internationalization Program and the London Economic Development Corporation. The Chongqing Science and Technology Commission also made a presentation on its work.

The direct civic cost for this visit, which included official gifts, was \$125. Julie He, intern for the City Manager's office, provided interpretation.

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