



Subject:	Lord Mayor – Strong Cities Network, Washington January 2018
Date:	24 November 2017
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	The Lord Mayor has received an invitation, via the US Consul General, from the US Department of State and the British Embassy in London, to attend a Strong Cities Network international mayoral workshop on 24 January 2018 in Washington. Committee’s approval is sought in connection with the visit.

2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Authorise the attendance of the Lord Mayor and Chief Executive, or nominee, at the Strong Cities Network international mayoral workshop in Washington DC on 24 January 2018.• Authorise the expenditure in connection with the visit.

3.0	Main report
3.1	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The international mayoral workshop, hosted by the US Department of State, will be held on the margins of the US Conference of Mayors' 86th Winter Meeting. Other attendees will include a high-powered delegation of British mayors/city executives, potentially including London, Manchester, Birmingham, Cardiff and Glasgow.</p>
3.2	<p>Since 2015, the Strong Cities Network has united city and community leaders in a global network with the mission of building social cohesion and community resilience to counter violent extremism in all its forms. It is hoped that further engagement between American and UK mayors, municipal-level policy makers, practitioners and Strong Cities Network counterparts will enhance the common efforts to make cities safer, more secure and more prosperous.</p>
	<p><u>Finance and Resource Implications</u></p>
3.3	<p>There will be no charge for the Lord Mayor and the Chief Executive, or nominee, to attend the workshop, however, costs arising from travel and accommodation should not exceed £3000 and will be met from within existing budgets.</p>
	<p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u></p>
3.4	<p>There are no equality or good relations implications arising from this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	None