

Committee(s): Police	Date(s): 16 th September 2014
Subject: City of London Police Official Flag	Public
Report of: Commissioner of Police Pol 59-14	For Information
<p style="text-align: center;"><u>Summary</u></p> <p>The City of London Police wish to have an officially registered flag. This is partially to celebrate the 175th Anniversary, to be flown outside Police Buildings but also to be carried in ceremonial events including the Lord Mayor's Parade and additionally used as a funeral drape when appropriate.</p> <p>Research and design was carried out by the National Flag Institute and a favoured design chosen from six options.</p> <p>Consultation has taken place with relevant City of London Corporation Departments including the Remembrancer's and Town Clerk's Departments and internal staff consultation has also taken place.</p> <p>Costs have been estimated at approximately £520 +VAT for printed flags from a reputable manufacturer.</p> <p>Recommendations</p> <p>It is recommended that Members receive this report and note the contents.</p>	

Main Report

Background

1. At the behest of Commissioner Leppard, partially in commemoration of the 175th anniversary of the City of London Police, a new, officially registered flag has been considered for the Force. The idea is that as well as being flown from the Police buildings, the flag will be used in the Lord Mayor's Parade as part of the City of London Police's entry. The Force has never had an 'official flag' although an unofficial flag has been used at funerals of serving and ex CoLP officers. For the official flag, six potential designs were produced by the National Flag Institute.

Current Position

2. The flag designs were drawn up by the Chief Vexillologist of the National Flag Institute at no cost to the Force. The six designs were circulated to the Force for popular vote by City of London Police Officers and Staff. There has been an excellent response to the voting with 331 people casting a vote.
3. Design 'F' received 173 votes securing an overall majority.

Design F



4. Further to this, there has been a request to the Institute to use the wording "City of London Police" as shown in the below crest.



Proposal

5. The chosen design will be used as the official registered flag of the City of London Police. This will be flown outside of Bishopsgate, Wood Street and Snow Hill Police Buildings. Additionally, there will be a 'Carrying Flag' for ceremonial events and a funeral drape.

Costs

6. Below is a breakdown of the costs to date:

Design

- Free of Charge - by the National Flag Institute Chief Vexillologist.

Manufacture

- Initial costing from a national flag maker by appointment to HM the Queen and HRH Prince of Wales has estimated the following cost:

6'x4' Printed Building Flag - £80 each + delivery & VAT

4'x3' Carrying Flag for parades - £200 + delivery & VAT

7. The proposal is to order approximately 4 x Building Flags and 1 x Carrying Flag making the total approximate cost £520.00 + VAT and delivery.

Consultation

8. Extensive consultation has been undertaken with relevant Departments at the City of London Corporation, including the Remembrancer's Department and the Town Clerk's Department, who advised that Committee should be informed.
9. The Chief Commoner has also been consulted.
10. Lastly, as aforementioned, internal consultation has taken place with Officers and Staff Members and also the Chief Officer Team.

Conclusion

11. A favoured design for an official City of London Police Flag has been chosen by the Staff and Officers of the CoLP. It will be used to raise the profile of the Force both at ceremonial events and outside of the City Police Buildings, both present and future. In addition, the Flag will provide a symbolic emblem of the Forces' existence in what is its' 175th Anniversary year.

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