

<b>Committee(s)</b>	<b>Dated:</b>
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### Summary

Following the Police Museum presentation at the May Culture, Heritage & Libraries Committee, it was requested that a fuller Police Museum business plan to be made available to the Committee. This is included at Appendix one.

### Recommendation

Members are asked to:

- Note the report and appendix

### Main Report

#### Background

1. The Clockmaker's Museum was an independent exhibition whereby the Corporation had no involvement in the promotion of or management of the Museum. Following their departure in September 2014, the museum space stood empty attracting no footfall and no income. After reviewing various ideas and possibilities for the space, and with the enthusiastic support of the CoL Police, we approached the Heritage Lottery Fund with a bid for external funding to re-open the space as a reinvented Police Museum. The HLF were overwhelmingly supportive and awarded us funding of over 80% of the project cost.
2. The opening of the new Museum is a natural extension of our heritage and cultural offer, strengthening Guildhall Galleries and contributing to the on-going transformation of the City's heritage.

#### Current Position

3. The museum is currently in the 'design and build' stages and is due to open in October 2016. We are working closely with the Guildhall School of Music and Drama to reimagine the collection and present the stories in both traditional and non-traditional ways.

4. A programme of associated talks, tours, special events and ticketed late views are being developed and we have engaged with a number of schools and colleges to ensure the museum features in the curriculum, aligning with the educational and employability strategies of the City of London.
5. The opening of the reimagined museum will be celebrated and promoted through a City of London Police Open Day in Guildhall Yard on 27 July 2016.

## **Conclusion**

6. The reimagined Police Museum will open within the existing staffed Guildhall and City Business Libraries complex and will not add to the running costs for the public library services. The use of vacant space in this way will greatly enhance the visitor journey, enrich our cultural and heritage offer and help position the City as a destination of choice.

## **Appendices**

- Appendix 1 - Police Museum Business Plan

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