

Committee:	Date:
Policy and Resources Finance Committee	5 July 2018 24 July 2018
Subject: Lord Mayor's Show 2018 – Fireworks Display	Public
Report of: Director of Communications Director of the Built Environment	For decision
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Summary

At June's Policy & Resources Committee meeting, Members were presented with a proposal to cancel the Lord Mayor's Show fireworks this year and, if time, funding and logistics allowed, replace them with a light display at Bank Junction.

Members were not convinced by the proposal, feeling that such a display would lack the special status of the fireworks and that not enough time was available to develop a suitable finale to the Show. The Director of Communications was asked to submit a revised paper to the July meeting that reflected Members' concerns.

Given Members' views at the last committee meeting, it is intended to plan for the fireworks to go ahead this year, subject to:

- regulatory approvals and consents from Westminster City Council and Transport for London;
- continued support and resources from the City Police;
- approval by Members to appoint AD Health & Safety to manage the event;
- the agreement of AD Health & Safety and the City's Safety Advisory Group that a safe event can be delivered;
- approval by Members of the likely additional funding needed to deliver this year's event.

The multi-agency debrief that followed the 2017 event highlighted a number of safety, security and traffic concerns that would have to be resolved before such consents would be granted and failure to achieve these consents will prevent the fireworks from taking place.

In particular, Westminster and TfL require a reduction in the timing, duration and extent of the closures on Waterloo Bridge to lessen the impact on congestion across central London, as well as a single, cohesive traffic and event plan combining both the Show and the fireworks. In addition, it is also understood that the Police still have significant concerns regarding the event, and a full re-evaluation of the security, crowd management and traffic planning aspects will be required to safely deliver the event that Members have requested.

The Department of the Built Environment has advised that, given the increased security considerations involved with last year's fireworks, additional funding in the region of £90,000 is being sought to allow for this year's display to be delivered safely.

The Chamberlain has advised that there is insufficient funding remaining within Policy Committee Contingency to cover this allocation. If Members are content with the proposed approach, they are therefore asked to note that funding will be sought from Finance Committee contingency.

This figure would cover a full-time event officer for six months (£25,000) to help manage the extra demands upon the team, a specialist provider to bring together the holistic traffic plan (£50,000), and for strengthened security and crowd management provisions (£15,000).

Additionally, because of the reduced time to prepare for this year's display, a single supplier waiver (WLOF0085) has been agreed by Procurement to allow for AD Health & Safety to be appointed to deliver the fireworks on behalf of the organisation.

Recommendation

Members of the **Policy & Resources Committee** are asked to:

- Agree that the Lord Mayor's Show fireworks display should continue and endorse an approach to the Finance Committee for funding of £90,000 from that Committee's 2018/19 Contingency Fund for the three elements crucial to deliver this year's Lord Mayor's Show fireworks display.

Members of the **Finance Committee** are asked to:

- Agree an allocation of £90,000 from that Committee's 2018/19 Contingency Fund for the three elements crucial to deliver this year's Lord Mayor's Show fireworks display.

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