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Summary

Members will be aware that it is the Force's 175th Anniversary this year, taking 1839 as the key date when the existence of the Force was enshrined in legislation.

After appraisal of a number of options including those put forward by the Chairman and Deputy Chairman, the Chief Officer Team decided to progress two main options.

1. Making the 175th Anniversary the theme of the Force Awards Ceremony in June 2014.
2. Having a formal entry in the Lord Mayor's show in November 2014.

Both of these options have been progressed, the first by an internal Event Committee and the second by liaison with the Pageant Master and submission of a formal plan to the Lord Mayor's office (See Appendices A and B).

Both options include a look back in time at the rich history and culture of the Force as well as being forward looking to the future.

The cost of the Lord Mayor Show entry has yet to be refined and presented to the Chief Officer Team and a further update will follow to your Committee.

Recommendations

It is recommended that Members receive this report and note its' contents.

Main Report

Background

1. Earlier in the year the City of London Police Chief Officer Group considered a number of options in order to mark the 175 year anniversary of the City of London Police (taking 1839 as the start date when the existence of the Force was enshrined in legislation)¹. The matter had also been noted and raised with the Commissioner by Alderman Gowman and the Remembrancer's office of the City of London Corporation. After careful appraisal of a number of options, including those put forward by the Chairman and the Deputy Chairman and taking a number of political and financial considerations into account, the Chief Officer team elected to progress two of the proposals.
 - 1) To mark the 175 Year anniversary by making it the theme of the Force Awards Ceremony in June 2014.
 - 2) To have a formal City of London Police entry in the Lord Mayor's Show in November 2014.

Current Position

2. In relation to the Force Awards Ceremony, the arrangements for this event are fast taking shape and are being managed by a Force Event Committee chaired by Det. Supt Paul Barnard. In addition to rewarding and recognising staff, the key theme of the event will be to take a look back in time over 175 years at the Force through the ages and key policing events. There will also be historical artefacts and memorabilia on display and a celebratory coin has been commissioned for sale. Each coin will be uniquely numbered from 1-175 and the coins numbered one and one hundred and seventy five will be auctioned at the event.
3. With regard to the entry for the Lord Mayor's Show in November, Supt Norma Collicott was tasked and has been leading on liaison with the Pageant Master in putting together a plan for the Force's entry. The plan was submitted to the Lord Mayor's office on Friday

¹ <http://www.cityoflondon.gov.uk/things-to-do/visiting-the-city/archives-and-city-history/london-metropolitan-archives/Documents/visitor-information/43-records-of-city-of-london-police-officers.pdf>

2nd May. Good feedback has been received from the Pageant Master and the detail is being refined. Highlights include historic motorcycles and a Ford Anglia as well as officers in the uniform through the ages, both historic and modern. Specialist policing functions such as Cycle patrol and Dogs with handlers will also feature along with the Volunteer Police Cadets. A visual representation of the entry is at Appendix A with a fuller description of the detail of the entry at Appendix B.

Financial Implications

4. The Force Awards is a mainly self financing event through ticket sales and Supt Collicott is undertaking a costing exercise on the Lord Mayor Show entry prior to presenting this to the Chief Officer Team with a view to funding this. A further update will be brought to your Committee at a future date.

Consultation

5. A copy of this report was sent to the Remembrancer's Department who made no additional comment.

Conclusion

6. The Force is proud of its history and this year gives an excellent opportunity to celebrate and mark 175 years of the existence of the Force and its service to the City community. This report is submitted to Members for information.

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