

WIRRAL COUNCIL

CABINET – 20 SEPTEMBER 2007

REPORT OF THE CHIEF EXECUTIVE

THE MERCIAN REGIMENT

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to recommend that the newly formed Mercian Regiment be awarded the honour of Freedom of Entry to the Borough.

1 Background

- 1.1 Members will recall that the Cheshire Regiment was granted the Freedom of Entry to Wirral in 1996 to reflect the unique contribution which it had made to the Borough and its reputation.
- 1.2 In September of this year, the Cheshire Regiment merged with two other Regiments, the Staffordshire and Worcestershire & Sherwood Foresters to become the Mercian Regiment.
- 1.3 The current colonel of the Cheshire Regiment, Brigadier A R D Sharpe, OBE, has written to both the Mayor and to me stressing how important the Freedom of Entry is to the current Cheshire Regiment and asking if there is a way in which that Honour can be transferred to the newly-formed Mercian Regiment.
- 1.4 The simplest way to achieve this is to bestow the Freedom of Entry on the Mercian Regiment to reflect the singular contribution which a significant part of it (namely the Cheshire Regiment) has made to civic life in the Borough over so many years.
- 1.5 The Cabinet is now asked to recommend to the Council that the Freedom of Entry to the Borough of Wirral be granted to the Mercian Regiment.
- 1.6 The timing of the Council meeting will need to fit in with the schedule of the Regiment since it has significant commitments during the course of this year.

2 Financial and Staffing Implications

- 2.1 There are none of any significance arising directly out of this report.

3 Equal Opportunities Implications

- 3.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

4 Community Safety Implications

4.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

5 Local Agenda 21 implications

5.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

6 Planning implications

6.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

7 Anti-poverty implications

7.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

8 Human Rights Implications

8.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

9 Social inclusion implications

9.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

10 Local Member Support implications

10.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

11 Background Papers

11.1 There are none arising directly from this report.

RECOMMENDATION

That the Cabinet recommends to the Council that the newly-formed Mercian Regiment (comprising the 22nd Cheshire Regiment) be granted the honour of Freedom of Entry to the Borough in recognition of the significant contribution which one of its constituent regiments, (namely the 22nd Cheshire Regiment) has made to civic life in Wirral.

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