

POLICY SCRUTINY COMMITTEE

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17. Proposed Commemorative Plaque Scheme for Lincoln

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- a. presented the proposals for a Commemorative Plaque Scheme for Lincoln.
- b. referred to paragraphs 2.2 and 2.3 of the report and detailed the background of the report.
- c. advised that there were a small number of commemorative plaques already in place at various locations across the city, erected under previous schemes operated by CoLC and Lincoln Civic Trust, the schemes had now lapsed and no guidance or criteria existed.
- d. highlighted the draft guidelines and criteria for the new Lincoln Scheme at appendix C of the report and advised that it was based on schemes operated by other councils.
- e. advised that the number of plaques would be limited to 3 per year.
- f. advised that the scheme would be operated by Development Management within existing staff resources, it was proposed that the new scheme should be partly funded by City of Lincoln Council (producing and installing the plaque) for which a reserve budget of £2k initially would be identified through Finances.
- g. advised that each application would be considered by the Historic Environment Advisory Panel (HEAP) and recommended to Executive for a decision.
- h. invited members questions and comments

Question: Would all applications be considered by HEAP?**Response:** The applications that did not fit the set criteria would be filtered out before they were considered by HEAP.**Question:** Some of the eligibility criteria was very subjective, could all of the applications be considered by HEAP?**Response:** We would take as many of the applications to HEAP as possible.**Comment:** The unveiling of the plaques should be celebrated and suggested that they be a civic event.**Question:** Were there any plans for updating the current plaques so that they were all of the same style?**Response:** Not at the moment due to the cost, however, it could be considered if 3 applications were not received by the end of the year.**Comment:** It was important that women were also recognised for their achievements as part of the scheme.**Response:** Suggested that the balance of applications represented by men and women be monitored.

RESOLVED that

1. the proposal to adopt a commemorative plaque scheme be supported.
2. the following suggestions be considered by Executive:
 - a. that the unveiling of the plaques be celebrated by holding a civic event.
 - b. that the balance between the number of men and women that were being recognised for a plaque be monitored.
 - c. that the current plaques be updated to the new style.