

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	City Growth and Resources Committee
DATE	6 th February 2020
EXEMPT	No
CONFIDENTIAL	No
REPORT TITLE	Donald Colman Plaque
REPORT NUMBER	PLA/20/029
DIRECTOR	N/A
CHIEF OFFICER	Richard Sweetnam
REPORT AUTHOR	Jim Inglis
TERMS OF REFERENCE	Purpose 6

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval for the erection of a plaque to Donald Colman, Footballer, International Coach and inventor of the touchline dugout at 342 King Street Aberdeen.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee

- 2.1 Approve the erection of a plaque to Donald Colman at 342 King Street.

BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Aberdeen Football Club Heritage Trust have proposed that a commemorative plaque to Donald Colman should be placed.
- 3.2 The proposal meets the requirements for an appropriate location set out in the Guidelines for the Nomination on Commemorative Plaques (see appendix 10:1) as the proposed siting is on the building where Colman lived whilst in Aberdeen.
- 3.3 A Standard Circular Yellow Commemorative Plaque would be produced (see appendix 2 for example).
- 3.3.1 The proposed wording is:

Donald Colman 1878-1942
Captain and Trainer of Aberdeen FC
Inventor of the Football Dugout
Lived here

- 3.3.2 Donald Colman played for various teams in Scotland, including Aberdeen FC as a defender and where he was team captain. He was capped for Scotland, and went on to train teams in Norway and Aberdeen FC.
- 3.3.3 It was whilst Colman was Aberdeen coach and living at 342 King Street that he introduced the idea of the team touchline dugout - Pittodrie being the first pitch to have them installed. (See appendices 10.2 & 10.3 for a fuller account of Colman's career).
- 3.4 Planning has raised no objection whilst all the owners of the building have approved the erection of the plaque and its siting (see appendix 10.5)
- 3.5 Aberdeen Football Club Heritage Trust as promoters of the plaque will bear responsibility for obtaining all required statutory and 3rd party consents to allow the plaque to Donald Colman to be placed at 342 King Street.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. Financial costs shall be covered by the nominating body as outlined in the Plaques Guidance (appendix 10.1).

5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 There are no direct legal implications arising from the recommendations of this report. The building owners and Planning have been consulted regarding location of the plaque. Aberdeen Football Club Heritage Trust as promoters of the plaque will bear responsibility for obtaining all required statutory and 3rd party consents to allow the plaque to Donald Colman to be placed at 342 King Street.

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

Category	Risk	Low (L) Medium (M) High (H)	Mitigation
Financial	N/A	N/A	N/A
Legal	N/A	N/A	N/A
Employee	N/A	N/A	N/A
Customer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Environment	N/A	N/A	N/A
Technology	N/A	N/A	N/A

Reputational	Risk of not acknowledging the significance of Donald Colman's contribution to the development of football in Aberdeen and beyond		The dedication of a plaque would provide acknowledgement of Colman in his adopted city.
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7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	The Plaque may attract visitors to King Street who may use businesses in the locale.
Prosperous People	It may act as an inspiration to viewers to take pride in Aberdeen's heritage

Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Customer Service Design	Working in partnership with Aberdeen FC Heritage Trust provides a good example of fostering relations with local heritage groups.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Not required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not Required (all personal information on plaque is already in public domain)

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 9.1 Plaque Application for Donald Coleman on behalf of the Aberdeen Football Club Heritage Trust

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

- 10.1 Details of the requirements of the Plaques Scheme
- 10.2 Details of the Nominee (Donald Coleman) and reasons for application
- 10.3 Abridged biography of Donald Coleman
- 10.4 Image of Donald Coleman at Pittodrie with the first dugout in situ
- 10.5 Image of proposed location of plaque
- 10.6 Image of standard Commemorative plaque

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