

ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL

COMMITTEE	Operational Delivery
DATE	03/10/2018
REPORT TITLE	Caroline Phillips Plaque
REPORT NUMBER	PLA/18/226
DIRECTOR	Angela Scott
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TERMS OF REFERENCE	3. approve improvements to operational delivery where officers do not have the power to do so

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To seek approval for the erection of a plaque to Caroline Phillips, local suffragette and journalist at 41 ½ Union Street.

2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

That the Committee:-

2.1 Approves the erection of a plaque to Caroline Phillips (1874-1956), local suffragette and journalist at 41 ½ Union Street.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Aberdeen Women's Alliance have proposed to erect a plaque to Caroline Phillips, a local suffragette and journalist. The proposal meets all requirements set out in the Guidelines for the Nomination on Commemorative plaques (see Appendix 1.1). Ms Phillips worked for the Aberdeen Daily Journal from 1900 as a journalist, and she worked as the Honorary Secretary for the Women's Social and Political Union from 1907 to 1909 during which time she corresponded with key figures in the Suffrage movement such as the Pankhursts. See Appendix 1.2 for a full account of Caroline Phillips' life.

3.2 The inclusion of a plaque to a local suffragette in the plaques scheme is especially relevant now as this year marks the centenary of the Representation of the People Act 1918. The Act gave the vote to women over the age of 30 who met certain requirements.

3.3 Planning and the building owner have approved this location for the plaque.

4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 There are no direct financial implications arising from the recommendations of this report. All financial costs shall be covered by the nominating body as outlined in the Plaques Guidance (see Appendix 1.1).

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 about the location of the proposed plaque as outlined in the Plaques Guidance (see Appendix 1.1).

6. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

	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 anniversary of the Representation of the People Act appropriately	L	The erection of the plaque would provide suitable acknowledgment of an active local supporter of the suffrage movement

7. OUTCOMES

Local Outcome Improvement Plan Themes	
	Impact of Report
Prosperous Economy	The plaque may attract local visitors or tourists, who then may visit other businesses in Union Street.

Prosperous People	The plaque may inspire those who see it in place to take pride in their local heritage. May also inspire more women to take an interest in political causes in the city.
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Design Principles of Target Operating Model	
	Impact of Report
Partnerships and Alliances	The Council has been working in partnership with the Aberdeen Women's Alliance to erect a series of plaques relating to notable local women. This is the final plaque in this series.

8. IMPACT ASSESSMENTS

Assessment	Outcome
Equality & Human Rights Impact Assessment	Not Required
Data Protection Impact Assessment	Not required as all personal information recorded on the plaque is already in the public domain.
Duty of Due Regard / Fairer Scotland Duty	Not Applicable

9. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Plaque Application for Caroline Phillips from the Aberdeen Women's Alliance

10. APPENDICES (if applicable)

Appendix 1.1- Details of requirements of the Plaques Scheme

Appendix 1.2- Details of the Nominee (Caroline Phillips) and reasons for application

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