STRATEGIC POLICY & RESOURCES COMMITEE



		Request for approval for a permanent plaque to commemorate WW1 Nurses to be installed in City Hall			
Date:		20 March 2020			
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Restricted Reports					
Is this	report restricted?		Yes	N	o X
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?					
After Committee Decision					
	After Council I				
Some time in the future					
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Is the decision eligible for Call-in?			lo		
1.0	Purpose of Report				
1.1	To consider a reque	request for the installation of a permanent plaque in City Hall main marble to			
	commemorate the re	mmemorate the role of Nurses in WW1, in line with the Council's Memorabilia Refresh			
	Policy agreed in 2017.				
2.0	Recommendations				
2.1	The Committee is re	tee is recommended:			
	To consider a request for the installation of a permanent plaque in City Hall main				
	marble to co	mmemorate the role of Nurses in WW1			
3.0	Main report	Main report			
3.1	Background				
		In October 2019 Strategic Policy & Resources Committee considered a request from the			m the
	Royal College of Nursing's History of Nursing Network Northern Ireland, a society who have				
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been documenting local history in relation to the nursing profession, to install a permanent plaque in the City Hall to commemorate the role of nurses in the first World War.

- 3.2 The decision was referred to Party Leaders' Consultative Forum who, following the Memorabilia Refresh Policy agreed by Strategic Policy & Resources Committee in November 2017 (see **Appendix 1**), referred the consideration of the equality and good relations implications to the Shared City Partnership.
- 3.3 The Memorabilia Refresh Policy sets out that any proposed changes to the memorabilia in the City Hall is referred to the City Solicitor who will commission an assessment of the equality and good relations impact. The proposal and the equality screening will then be brought to the Shared City Partnership for comment before being brought to Strategic Policy & Resources.
- 3.4 A draft equality screening report for the proposed plaque is set out in **Appendix 2.** The draft screening has identified minor positive impact on equality of opportunity in relation to religious belief, political opinion, racial ground and gender. In addition, minor positive impacts on good relations have also been identified. The proposal has been screened out ie there are no equality implications and an Equality Impact Assessment is not required.
- 3.5 The plaque proposal is one of a number of initiatives being undertaken by the History of Nursing Network Northern Ireland commemorating the work of local nurses including a one-week temporary exhibition in the City Hall in May to coincide with International Nurses' Day 2020 on 12 May.
- 3.6 The text of the plaque, the proposed location and example design are set out in **Appendix** 3.
- 3.7 At its meeting on the 9 March 2020, the Shared City Partnership was content with the equality and good relations implications.

3.8 Financial & Resource Implications

- Plaque The HON have raised funds to purchase a small A3 sized plaque, however members may prefer to procure of the plaque similar to others in City Hall so the costs of this plaque would be £400. This would be covered from existing budgets.
- Exhibition If the Committee is minded to approve the hosting of the temporary exhibition, then there would be no charge applied for the use of the space due to the Not for Profit nature of the HON.

3.9	Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Implications		
	A draft equality screening is appended to this report.		
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached		
	Appendix 1 – Memorabilia Refresh Policy 2017		
	Appendix 2 – Equality Screening Report		
	Appendix 3– The text of the plaque, the proposed location and example design		