

**ACTION TAKEN BY CABINET MEMBER(S) UNDER DELEGATED POWERS
(EXECUTIVE FUNCTION)**

Subject	Commemorative Plaque for Mark Lemon at Church Farmhouse Museum
Cabinet Member(s)	Cabinet Member for Culture, Community Engagement, Equalities and Human Resources
Date of decision	04 March 2005
Date decision comes into effect	07 March 2005

Summary	This report outlines a proposal to erect a commemorative plaque at Church Farmhouse Museum in Hendon in recognition of Mark Lemon and his family connection with the building and historical significance as the co founder and editor of Punch Magazine.
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Officer Contributors	Head of Customer Care
Status (public or exempt)	Public
Wards affected	Hendon
Enclosures	None
Reason for exemption from call-in (if appropriate)	

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1. RELEVANT PREVIOUS DECISIONS

- 1.1 Criteria Used for Evaluating suggestions for Commemorative Plaques were approved by General Executive Committee on 10 October 1994.

2. CORPORATE PRIORITIES AND POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

- 2.1 As a key element of the council's cultural provision, Church Farmhouse Museum supports the council's key priorities and values through its educational work with schools and community organisations and its contribution to the cultural development action plan. As part of the borough's built heritage and historical development it provides learning and leisure opportunities for the whole community and is a visitor attraction.

3. RISK MANAGEMENT ISSUES

- 3.1 No risk management issues have been identified.

4. FINANCIAL, STAFFING, ICT AND PROPERTY IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 The Friends of Church Farmhouse Museum are funding the costs of the design, manufacture and erection of the commemorative plaque. The ongoing maintenance costs are expected to be minimal and will be contained within the revenue budget for Church Farmhouse Museum.
- 4.2 This project will be progressed in consultation with the council's Conservation and Design Team to ensure that they are satisfied that there will be no problems in terms either of conservation of the building or environmental impact. Once this is confirmed they will advise English Heritage. The implementation of this project is subject to EH final approval.

5. LEGAL ISSUES

- 5.1 None.

6. CONSTITUTIONAL POWERS

- 6.1 A Cabinet Member may discharge the executive functions that fall within his or her portfolio, whether or not they are also delegated to officers except for matters specifically reserved to Council, Cabinet or Cabinet Committees.

7. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 7.1 Church Farmhouse Museum is owned and funded by the London borough of Barnet. It is located on Greyhound Hill in Hendon. Built around 1660, it is the oldest dwelling house in Hendon and is designated as a Grade 2* listed building.
- 7.2 Church Farmhouse Museum celebrates its 50th anniversary in 2005 and to mark this occasion, a major exhibition programme on the history of the building, its inhabitants and dual life as a farmhouse and Museum will be launched in Summer 2005. As part of this celebration it is proposed to attach a commemorative plaque to the Museum's exterior in recognition of Mark Lemon, the co-founder and first editor of Punch Magazine who spent his boyhood years at Church Farm.

- 7.3 Mark Lemon (1809 – 1870) was born in a house in Oxford Street but on the death of his father when Mark was 8 years old, he came to live with his grandfather, also named Mark Lemon, at Church Farm. This was then a thriving hay and dairy farm at the centre of the old village of Hendon.
- 7.4 Mark Lemon remained at Church Farm for 6 years before he moved to Lincolnshire with his mother. Memories of his time at Hendon are reflected in his book 'Tom Moody's Tales,' written in 1863.
- 7.5 Mark Lemon had a distinguished literary career and is most famous as the co- founder and first editor of Punch Magazine. His editorship ran from 1842 until his death.
- 7.6 A commemorative plaque will enhance the profile of Church Farmhouse Museum and its historic surroundings, give recognition to Mark Lemon as the building's most eminent resident and serve as a lasting reminder of Punch and its standing in the history of popular journalism and social comment.

8. LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

8.1 None.

9. DECISION OF THE CABINET MEMBER(S)

I/We authorise the following action

- 9.1 **That the Head of Service makes the necessary arrangements and obtains the required approvals for a commemorative plaque in recognition of Mark Lemon to be erected at Church Farmhouse Museum as outlined in this report.**

Signed



**Cabinet Member for Culture, Community
Engagement, Equalities and Human
Resources**

Date

04 March 2005