

## Automated External Defibrillators

This council meeting notes that on average 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 20% of these incidents occur in public spaces. Council further notes only 10% of victims of cardiac arrests survive when the incident occurs outside hospital.

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) can play a significant role in saving the lives of people who suffer heart attacks in public. It is estimated that a shock from an AED, alongside CPR treatment, increases survival rates to 75-80%.

The Council meeting also notes that in cases where community groups have raised funds for a defibrillator and seek to place the equipment on Council premises there is a complicated and legal process they are forced to go through, delaying installation and, in some cases creating barriers to progress. One of the main charitable organisations that support installation of defibrillators, the Community Heartbeat Trust, work successfully with many local authorities to use a mixture of the "Managed Solution Partnership and a Hosting Agreement to make issues such as public liability and installation procedure easy and without risk to the council.

This council meeting further notes that, though there are public defibrillators in various places across the Borough, including some Council premises and assets, there are gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs and at present there is no ~~holistic mapping~~ publicly accessible system listing all AEDs in Stockport.

This council meeting therefore resolves to ask Cabinet to:

- ~~Compile a list, and an interactive map, of all public defibrillators in Stockport including those in non-Council premises;~~ Liaise with North West Ambulance Service to seek public access to their definitive list of public defibrillators and to make this available prominently via the council's website;
- Review and, where ~~appropriate~~ it would be beneficial, increase the provision of defibrillators across ~~all~~ Council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall;
- Implement a streamlined process for community groups to install defibrillators on council buildings using the Community Heartbeat Trust system;
- ~~Work with amateur sports teams to ensure they know~~ Liaise with Sport England and other key national sports governing bodies to check the first aid requirements for their affiliated clubs and make training courses available to local clubs and teams that want to learn how to access AEDs and ~~are~~ be trained in the use of defibrillators and CPR; and
- Bring a report to the Adult Social Care and Health Scrutiny Committee meeting in January 2022, detailing a plan to roll out more AEDs across the Borough, and ~~to produce a fully interactive mapping system to locate all public defibrillators in Stockport~~ reporting on progress towards gaining public access to the North West Ambulance Service definitive list.

Moved by: Cllr Will Dawson

Seconded by: Cllr Malcolm Allan