
**Meeting of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee - 23rd
February, 2022**

Report of the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise

Installation of a Defibrillator at Richardson's Hall, Wordsley

Purpose

1. To inform the Management Committee of the proposal being put forward by Councillor K Lewis, which is to install a Defibrillator unit at the Richardson's Hall, Wordsley.

Recommendations

2. It is recommended:-
 - The Committee note the content of this report.
 - The Committee approves a defibrillator being installed at the Richardson's Hall at Wordsley and delegates to the Director of Regeneration and Enterprise the task of agreeing the specific location for the unit to be installed under the terms of the lease.

Background

3. Councillor K Lewis and members of the community have successfully raised the funds for the installation of a defibrillator unit at Richardson's Hall in Wordsley. A defibrillator is a device that gives a high energy electric shock to the heart of someone who is in cardiac arrest. This high energy shock is called defibrillation and it's an essential part on trying to save the life of someone who's in cardiac arrest. To operate a defibrillator, it requires a small power supply, and it needs to be heated to a minimum temperature which is why fixing it to a building such as the Richardson's Hall is appropriate. They are designed to be publicly accessible so anyone can use them.
4. The area in which the Richardson's Hall is in Wordsley does not currently have the benefit of an on-site defibrillator. It will therefore be of great benefit to the local community and residents using the local amenities to know that such a facility will be available.

5. Councillor K Lewis has indicated that various local businesses, as well as the tenants of the Richardson's Hall, are prepared to take on responsibility for the defibrillator and arrange training for its use.
6. The Director of Regeneration and Enterprise will ensure that both permission and, upon support of the Committee, approval is confirmed in accordance with the lease.

Finance

7. The cost of the defibrillator is £1,500 (exclusive of VAT), the funds for this have been secured from donations secured by Cllr K Lewis. The cost includes a 5 year warranty for the cabinet and a 1 year electrical warranty. It also includes for installation by an approved electrician. The tenant and wider community have also committed to meeting ongoing maintenance.

Law

8. Section 111 of the Local Government Act 1972 which allows the Council to do anything that is calculated to facilitate or conducive to the discharge of statutory functions. Section 1 of the Localism Act 2011 which provides Councils with the general power of competence to do anything that individuals generally may do, subject to Sections 2 to 4, and Section 105, 117-123 of the Charities Act 2011 which gives power to authorise dealings with charity property.

Risk Management

9. For someone in cardiac arrest a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible and for every minute it takes for the defibrillator to reach someone and deliver a shock, their chance of survival reduces. The Richardson's Hall is a well-used venue, and the immediate locale is a popular area with a variety of local businesses and public transport points close to the Wordsley Green shopping centre. This proposal will positively contribute to this area being considered a safe place to visit.

Equality Impact

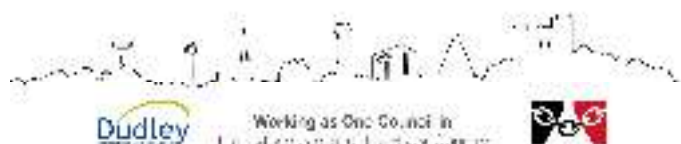
10. The proposals within this report are consistent with the Council's Equality and Diversity Policy and with the Equality Act 2010. This is an inclusive project which will be accessible to all sectors of the community.

Human Resources/Organisational Development

11. There are no HR/organisational development implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

Commercial/Procurement

12. All processes, procedures and activities within the project will be compliant with the Council's Contract Standing Orders and Procurement legislation.



Council Priorities

13. The proposals contained in this report will positively benefit the local community, the local infrastructure and schools in the area, local GP and health provision, public transport connectivity, local housing needs, green spaces, and the safety of the community.

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Appendices

None