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## **Meeting of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee**

### **Report of the Acting Director of Public Realm**

### **Installation of a Defibrillator at Wollescote Park**

#### **Purpose**

1. To inform the Management Committee of the proposal being put forward by the Friends of Wollescote Park, which is to install an Automated External Defibrillator (or AED) to Wollescote Hall.

#### **Recommendations**

2. It is recommended:-
  - The Committee note the content of this report.
  - The Committee approves a defibrillator being installed to Wollescote Hall and the Committee delegates to the Acting Director of Public Realm the task of finding a suitable location for the defibrillator and to arrange with AEDdonate for its installation.

#### **Background**

3. Cllr N Neale and the Friends of Wollescote Park have successfully raised the funds for the installation of an AED at Wollescote Park. 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 Wollescote Hall is appropriate. They are designed to be publicly accessible so anyone can use them.
4. Wollescote park currently does not have the benefit of an on-site defibrillator, it will therefore be of great benefit to the local community and residents who use the park to know that such a facility will be available.

5. As Wollescote Hall is a Grade II listed building the proposal has been discussed with the local planning authority and with Corporate Landlord Estates and they will work with the Acting Director for Public Realm to find a suitable location for the defibrillator and to arrange for its installation.
6. The Friends of Wollescote Park have indicated that they are prepared to take responsibility for the defibrillator and arrange training for its use.
7. This report is being raised as an urgent item of business (as it is not on the agenda). The reason for the urgency is that the funding for this was secured just before Christmas and the Friends of Wollecote Park are keen to progress with the installation of the AED as soon as possible and well in advance of the next meeting of the Ernest Stevens Trust Management Committee.

### **Finance**

8. The cost of the defibrillator is £1,457.50 (exclusive of VAT), the funds for this have been secured from donations secured by Cllr N Neale and by the Friends of Wollescote Park. The cost includes a 7 year AED warranty and for the cabinet a 10 year structural warranty and 5 year electrical warranty. It also includes for installation by an approved electrician.

### **Law**

9. 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.
10. With the Chairs permission, it is possible to raise additional items at the meeting as an urgent item of business although it is not on the agenda (as allowed for in Section 100B(4)(b) of the Local Government Act 1972).

### **Risk Management**

11. 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. Wollescote park is a very popular destination for a variety of different community groups and local residents and this proposal will positively contribute to the Wollescote Park being considered a safe place to visit.

### **Equality Impact**

12. 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**

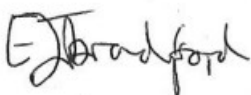
13. There are no HR/organisational development implications arising from the proposals contained in this report.

## **Commercial/Procurement**

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

## **Council Priorities**

15. The proposals contained within this report will help to improve the quality of Wollescote Park, one of the boroughs main green spaces and public parks and it will help deliver all of the 7 aspirations of the Borough Vision, in particular vision 1 '*Home of rich heritage, inspiring a unique visitor destination*' and it is in full accordance with the Council Plan and Future Council Programme.
16. The proposals contained in this report do not have any implications for existing communities, the local infrastructure of schools, GP and health provision, public transport connectivity, local housing needs, local deprivation, green spaces and the safety of the community.
17. The proposals contained in this Decision Sheet do not have any environmental implications and will not impact on the Council's carbon reduction strategy and its aim to reach net zero by 2041.
18. The proposals contained in this Decision Sheet do not have any implications for the following corporate issues:
- Corporate Parenting
  - Crime and Disorder
  - Human Rights
  - Asset and Property Management
  - Digital and Information Technology (including Data Protection)



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## **Appendices**

None

## **List of Background Documents**

AEDdonate invoice.

