

Report to the Policy & Resources Committee 7th July

Community CPR/Defibrillator Training

1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To inform the Committee of a request from residents and to note implications

2. Background

- 2.1 There are several defibrillators sited in the Town at the Secondary School, Gloucester Rd Coop, Town Hall, Bowls Club, Food Bank and other sites are being sought.
- 2.2 Defibrillators are for use by the Community and several incidents have been highlighted in the media recently when their immediate use has saved lives
- 2.3 Residents have asked if the Council would assist in the provision of CPR & Defibrillator training as people are becoming more aware of defibrillators in the Town but are afraid that they wouldn't have the confidence or knowledge to use them.
- 2.4 It has been suggested that four training sessions a year for even a maximum of half an hour at a time would provide life-saving knowledge.
- 2.5 Cllr Sanderson is qualified to offer training if approved by the Community Heartbeat Trust and has volunteered his time free of charge.

3. Financial Implications & Risks

- 3.1 The training would be provided free of charge and room booking could be made around existing bookings so as not to result in loss of revenue for the Council.
- 3.2 There would be no requirement for materials or any other expenses
- 3.3 Insurance for the Trainer would be covered by the Community Heartbeat Trust.

4. Proposal

- 4.3 Members note report and determine whether or not to provide free Community CPR & Defibrillator training.

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