

AGENDA ITEM 15 (a) - Defibrillators in Portsmouth

Amendment

Delete paragraph five and replace with:

This Council congratulates the work of all those schools and community groups who have raised money to buy and install defibrillators and acknowledges the support of Ward Councillors from all political parties who have supported the fund raising efforts with CIL contributions.

Add paragraph afterwards:

This Council supports the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation with its campaign for legislative change on the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within health and sports facilities, whilst raising awareness of cardiac arrest and delivering CPR training.

The amended motion to therefore read:

Ever since the harrowing scenes of Danish footballer Christian Eriksen receiving cardiac treatment were broadcast onto the screens of millions of people during a game at Euro 2020, the recognition of the need of public defibrillators has become more apparent.

On average, 30,000 people each year suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital, and 20% of these incidents occur in public spaces. 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%.

This Council commends the many organisations, schools and communities who have already installed community defibrillators that are accessible not just to the organisations themselves, but, that are also accessible to members of the public. It acknowledges that places like Fratton Community Centre are raising funds to make sure that the centre will have access to this life saving equipment.

This Council congratulates the work of all those schools and community groups who have raised money to buy and install defibrillators and acknowledges the support of Ward Councillors from all political parties who have supported the fund raising efforts with CIL contributions.

This Council supports the Justin Edinburgh 3 Foundation with its campaign for legislative change on the installation of Automated External Defibrillators within health and sports facilities, whilst raising awareness of cardiac arrest and delivering CPR training.

This Council also commends the outstanding work and care that the South Central Ambulance Service, Queen Alexandra Hospital and staff across all areas of the NHS provide Portsmouth residents 24/7, 365 days a year. The Council would also like to thank the work that the British Heart Foundation are doing to continue to research into cardiac arrests but also, the campaigning that they have done alongside other organisations to get CPR onto the curriculum at English secondary schools by the end of this school year. This is alongside the work that they are doing regarding 'The Circuit' to create a national network of defibrillators which will link to every ambulance service in the country and in the public domain to help save more lives from 'Out of Hospital Cardiac Arrests' (OHCA).

Although there are a number of public defibrillators on council premises and assets and further more on non-council owned land and buildings, there may be gaps in the provision of publicly accessible AEDs across the city.

Council resolves to ask Cabinet:

- To add as many existing defibrillator locations to the list hosted on the council's website, and to also add those not already on the South Central Ambulance Service's 'Save a life' App, to make sure that there is a log of as many locations as possible of public defibrillators in Portsmouth including those in non-council premises.
- Review and, where appropriate, seek to increase the provision of defibrillators across council-owned spaces including public parks, community centres, leisure facilities, and areas of high public footfall and to continue to support businesses, community associations and schools who may wish to install their own and bring an update report to Cabinet to demonstrate progress.

Proposed by (Name) Councillor Simon Boshier

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Seconded by (Name) Councillor Lewis Gosling

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