

REPORT

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Subject: Report on Purchase of Public Access Defibrillator

1. Background

Following a request from a resident and councillor, quotes have been obtained for the purchase of a public access defibrillator. When the request was made, no public access defibrillators were available in the parish but since then a public access defibrillator has been installed at Tisbury Station by South Western Railway.

A defibrillator is a device which 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 is an essential part in trying to save the life of someone who is in cardiac arrest.

To help someone who is in cardiac arrest effectively, a defibrillator needs to be found as quickly as possible. For every minute it takes for the defibrillator to reach someone and deliver a shock, their chances of survival reduce by up to 10 percent.

No training is required to use a defibrillator – anyone can use it. There are clear instructions on how to attach the defibrillator pads. It then assesses the heart rhythm and will only issue an instruction to deliver a shock if it is needed. A shock cannot be delivered accidentally.

To access the defibrillator a '999' call will need to be made where the dispatcher will provide the caller with an access code.

2. Legal Implication

The Council can use its power under the Public Health Act 1936 section 234 - Provision of life-saving appliances - to provide and maintain a defibrillator.

'A local authority may provide life-saving appliances at such places, whether places used for bathing or not, as they think fit'

3. Financial Implication







The Council holds an Earmarked Reserve of £2,000. The Council's 2023/24 budget also contains a budget line of £2,000 for the purchase of a defibrillator. Budget provision will need to be made in future years after the second year for the purchase of batteries and defibrillator pads when they approach their expiry date.

4. Risks

A risk assessment should be approved by the Council prior to installation which includes weekly checks and monthly online reporting. The Council's insurance policy will need to be amended to include cover for the value of the defibrillator and its cabinet.

5. Quotes

Quotes have been obtained from three suppliers as per the table below. In view of the environmental impact of using plastic/polycarbonate, the cabinets identified are made of metal:

Features	Community Heartbeat Trust	HeartSafe	Primary Care Supplies
Defib Price (excluding VAT)	£1,055 	£2,244 as package 	£895 
Battery Life & Warranty	4 years 8 years	4 years 8 years	4 years 8 years
Cabinet	£750 	Included above 	£552 
Cabinet Warranty	10-year anti-corrosion warranty Metal	10-year anti-corrosion warranty Metal	12 months Metal
Installation	Provides Electrical Installation at cost of £250	Estimate Local Installation £250	Estimate Local Installation £250
Included	Rescue Kit (hi viz, torch) Sign (£35)	Free metal wall sign Small wall sign Information plaque Resuscitation kit Directional labels	
Total:	£2,090	£2,494	£1,697
Training	Can be provided at cost of £175	None	Up to 12 people on request for quote
Replacement pads and batteries	Either buy from CHT or pay £126 pa for maintenance & supplies	Not supplied by HeartSafe	Buy from Primary Supplies
Reporting system with Ambulance Service	Webnos online report system	HeartSafe® AED Locator online reporting system	None
Debriefing support after incident	Yes	No	No

6. Locations

Permission has been given to the Parish Council for the installation of a defibrillator on the northern outside wall of the Reading Room by the Reading Room Trust.

The owner of Coffee Angels has advised the Council that she would be supportive of a defibrillator being installed on the northern outside wall of the café.

7. Awareness Programme

Once a decision has been taken to purchase a defibrillator, the Council should consider placing an article in Focus magazine to advise the community. Once

it has been installed, a page should be added to its website with the what3words location reference and posts added to social media advising of its installation and location.

8. Recommendations

- a. That the Council approves the combined quote of £2,090 from Community Heartbeat Trust on the grounds that CHT can provide an all-round service, electrical installation, a reporting system and post incident briefing for users.
- b. That the northern wall of Coffee Angels be agreed as the location for installation, subject to written agreement from the owner, as it is a fairly central point amongst the shops in Tisbury High Street.
- c. That it be agreed that an awareness campaign be started after purchase to advise the community of its location and use.

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30th June 2023