

Appendix A.

Background or 'Project Specifics' – Application MF030/T2

The supply and installation of 2 publicly accessible Automated External Defibrillators (AED's), to be located at Neath Little Theatre and Victoria Gardens, in the Ward of Neath North.

This bid has been developed to 'Enhance Existing Council Services' by working closely with the Neath Town Council.

The funding will be used to procure two AED's through the Registered Charity, 'Heartbeat Trust UK.' The quotation includes for information signage, a polycarbonate cabinet, and the fittings needed to attach the defibrillators to the railings at Neath Little Theatre and Victoria Gardens. The defibrillator will be easy to use, featuring a full-colour display with vivid rescue images, Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) cycle timer and a gauge that shows CPR compression depth. It is suitable to be used on individuals of any age.

This proposal is part of a wider initiative spearheaded by the Neath Town Council to fully equip the Ward of Neath North and its environs with publicly accessible defibrillators. The Town Council currently have responsibility for five Defibrillators located within the Neath North Ward, one of which has been used on several occasions.

On average, 8,000 people in Wales suffer a sudden cardiac arrest outside of hospital each year, and the survival rate is just 3-5%. The chances of survival are greatly increased when an AED is deployed. Time is critical. The Neath Town Council has identified gaps in the provision of this life saving equipment at strategic locations in the Town Centre and across the Ward. These locations are in the most densely populated areas in Neath North and receive a huge amount of footfall. In the unfortunate event of a cardiac arrest the provision of an AED nearby would allow persons in the vicinity to perform emergency medical treatment whilst waiting for the Emergency Services to respond.

The defibrillators will be in the ownership of Neath Town Council, who have made an ongoing commitment to ensuring that they are

appropriately maintained for the foreseeable future. The defibrillators come with a 7 year warranty and care package from 'Heartbeat Trust UK', which covers the cost of replacement batteries/pads and insurance to cover vandalism or theft.

This scheme has no financial implications for NPTCBC.

Recommendations

The request for grant aid from the Members Community Fund is for £3,250, the total cost of procuring the defibrillators, polycarbonate cabinets and the 7 year warranty/care packages (no match funding). This equates to £1,625 from Councillor Mark Protheroe's allocation, and £1,625 from Councillor Alan Lockyer's allocation.

The project proposal is recommended for approval and financial support under the Members Community Fund.