

Brighton & Hove City Council

Policy & Resources Committee

Agenda Item 90(d) (i)

Subject: Joint Notice of Motion from the Labour, Green and Conservative Groups – Automated External Defibrillators in Outdoor Spaces

Date of meeting: 27 January 2022

Proposer: Councillor Platts
Seconder: Councillor Gibson
Councillor Bell

Ward(s) affected: All

This Committee:

1. Notes that the moment someone has a cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces their chances of survival and that by connecting all Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) to the national defibrillator network known as the Circuit, NHS ambulance services can direct people to a nearby AED during those crucial moments and help save a life.
2. Acknowledges the fundraising efforts undertaken local people; community groups and the Sussex Heart Charity to increase the number of publicly available AEDs in Brighton & Hove.
3. Notes that Covid appears to have increased people's desire to take exercise outdoors both in public parks and along the seafront and this should be encouraged.
4. Notes the commitment by the Welsh Government to fund more AEDs if they are registered on The Circuit; news reports suggesting the Government might provide AEDs in schools and the AED Bill going through Parliament.
5. Calls on the P&R Committee to publish a report outlining how the Council might work with local organisations such as Sussex Heart Charity to provide a defibrillator in all Council owned outdoor spaces where people regularly take exercise including public parks and along the seafront and how these can be connected to the Circuit.

Supporting Information:

Automated External Defibrillators (AEDs) are portable battery powered devices that check a casualties' heart rhythm using electrode pads. If a problem is detected, the device sends an electric shock to the heart to restore a normal rhythm. No formal

training is necessary to operate them in a medical emergency as they “talk” the operator through the necessary steps. In the event of a suspected cardiac arrest, these devices can be vital in saving lives. If a defibrillator is applied and effective CPR performed within three to five minutes of the cardiac arrest, chances of survival increase by 50%.

<https://www.thecircuit.uk/>

<https://sussexheartcharity.org/portfolio/aeds-in-the-community/>

https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-wales-58576214?at_medium=RSS&at_campaign=KARANGA

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-england-merseyside-58480491>

<https://bills.parliament.uk/bills/2810>