

## Report of the Portfolio Holder for Leisure and Health

**Automated External Defibrillators (AED) Provision Across the Borough**1. Purpose of Report

To update Members on current AED and potential trauma bleed control kit provision across the Borough and evaluate proposals for next steps, to enhance accessibility and improve emergency response.

2. Recommendation

**Cabinet is asked to RESOLVE that option three, as detailed in Appendix 1, be approved.**

3. Detail

On 7 May 2022, Samuel Akwasi, aged 13, collapsed and died whilst playing football on the Forest Recreation Ground in Nottingham.

Following Samuel's death, an investigation was undertaken by the Nottinghamshire Coroner. The findings from the Coroner highlighted that Samuel's life may have been saved by the availability and use of an AED.

Subsequently the Coroner's Office made a number of recommendations to Local Authorities within Nottinghamshire regarding the provision of AEDs. The full details of the recommendations can be seen in **Appendix 1**.

On the 16 July 2024, Cabinet requested that consideration also be given to the installation of trauma bleed control kits, alongside any AEDs. These measures would enhance and support emergency response capabilities. Details regarding these kits can be seen in **Appendix 1**. **Appendix 2** details the 46 Council owned sites that were assessed regarding their suitability for the installation of AEDs.

There are currently 123 known AEDs across the Borough. These have either been installed by local businesses, sports clubs or through grant funding schemes by the Council's Capital Works team. A map and a table of locations for the units installed by the Capital Works team can be seen in **Appendix 3**.

4. Key Decision

As AED provision will be Borough wide this report is a key decision as defined under Regulation 8 of the Local Authorities (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012.

5. Updates from Scrutiny

Not applicable.

6. Financial Implications

The comments from the Head of Finance Services were as follows:

There is currently no budgetary provision towards the cost of installing and maintaining additional AED provision across the Borough.

The options as presented in this report for the cost of installing AED units and bleed control units range from £32,150 for 14 sites up to £68,850 for 30 sites. If an additional officer was required to support with the maintenance of AED units, the cost of an established Grade 4 officer at current 2024/25 budgets is £32,700 including on-costs.

Whilst there is no external capital funding available for the additional AED units, potential funding of up to £25,000 from the UKSPF programme is being explored. Any shortfall in funding would have to be met from the Council's own capital resources (prudential borrowing). If Members were minded to approve any aspect of the scheme, the Deputy Chief Executive and Section 151 Officer would determine the most appropriate and cost effective way of financing the scheme.

Any ongoing inspection and maintenance costs are considered revenue in nature and would present a direct pressure on the General Fund Reserves.

7. Legal Implications

The comments from the Monitoring Officer / Head of Legal Services were as follows:

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report

8. Human Resources Implications

Not applicable.

9. Union Comments

Not applicable.

10. Climate Change Implications

Not applicable.

11. Data Protection Compliance Implications

This report does not contain any OFFICIAL(SENSITIVE) information and there are no Data Protection issues in relation to this report.

12. Equality Impact Assessment

Not applicable.

13. Background Papers

Nil.