

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CUSTOMER SERVICES, SPORT  
& LEISURE  
CABINET MEMBER**

**COMMUNITY DEFIBRILLATORS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To increase community resilience by funding defibrillators for use in community settings.
- 1.2 The council has approved a budget of £75,000 to fund community defibrillators.
- 1.3 To agree a list of towns and villages for community defibrillators.
- 1.4 The council is working with East Midlands Ambulance Service (EMAS) and Lincolnshire Integrated Voluntary Emergencies Services (LIVES) to help deliver the project.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Each year around 60,000 people have out-of-hospital cardiac arrests. When someone is in cardiac arrest and fighting for their life it is crucially important to get immediate help. When someone goes into cardiac arrest, every minute without CPR and defibrillation reduces their chances of survival by 10%. A defibrillator is a machine that delivers an electric shock to the heart when someone is having a cardiac arrest. These machines can also be called AEDs (automated external defibrillators).
- 2.2 The council has funded AEDs in all secondary schools in North Lincolnshire. Schools are being asked to make their AEDs available for community use. This will increase the available service in the area and increase the chance of saving lives.
- 2.3 The council has made £75,000 available to fund the purchase of community defibrillators for use in towns and villages across North Lincolnshire. The roll out will support the service provided by EMAS and LIVES and existing community defibrillators schemes.
- 2.4 The British Heart Foundation advise that defibrillators need to be placed in areas where there are a high number of cardiac arrests or where it is hard for the ambulance service to get to quickly. Rural

areas, high traffic congestion or poor road networks and areas where large crowds gather are all places where defibrillators need to be placed.

- 2.5 The council has been working with EMAS to identify suitable locations for community defibrillators. Attached is a list of towns and villages for consideration and approval (Appendix 1). The council will fund an AED and a secure cabinet for all the sites listed in Appendix 1. EMAS and LIVES will provide training for volunteers.
- 2.6 EMAS have identified a number of retail outlets, medical centres, sports grounds, places of worship, care homes and leisure settings where AEDs could be sited. The council has written to organisations on the list to ask them to consider providing a self-funded defibrillator.
- 2.7 The council has defibrillators at Ancholme Leisure Centre, Baysgarth Leisure Centre, Epworth Leisure Centre, Riddings Pool and The Pods. We will make these defibrillators available for community use.
- 2.8 A memorandum of understanding is required between the council and the recipients of the community defibrillators. EMAS have an existing memorandum of understanding and we are looking to adapt it to fit the requirements of this scheme.

### **3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Cabinet has the following options to consider:
  - 3.1.1 Option 1: To approve the attached list of towns and villages (Appendix 1).
  - 3.1.2 Option 2: To reject the list and agree an alternative list.

### **4. ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option 1: The attached list of towns and villages has been drawn up using information supplied by EMAS and local knowledge. EMAS have considered calls for service and locations where it is difficult for ambulances to get to quickly. The list takes account of existing schemes operated by LIVES and other publically available defibrillators.
- 4.2 Option 2: Cabinet could reject the list and choose alternative sites.

## **5. RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (FINANCIAL, STAFFING, PROPERTY, IT)**

### **5.1 Finance**

The council has made a budget of £75,000 available to fund this project. We have approval from the Director of Policy and Resources to purchase the necessary equipment through EMAS from the NHS Framework.

### **5.2 Staffing**

There are no staffing implications arising from this project.

### **5.3 Property**

There are no significant property implications for the council. A number of council buildings will play host to community defibrillators. The buildings have been listed in Appendix 1.

## **6. OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

6.1 Officers have completed an integrated impact assessment. There are no significant issues to highlight.

## **7. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

7.1 The council has met with EMAS and LIVES to discuss the most effective way of deploying community defibrillators. We will work closely with site managers, local communities, town and parish councils, EMAS and LIVES to rollout the project.

## **8. RECOMMENDATIONS**

8.1 That Cabinet approves the list of towns and villages out in Appendix 1 as the priority sites for locating community defibrillators.

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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report - None**

## PADS Priority List

| Town/Village        | Site                                   |
|---------------------|--|
| Appleby             | To be confirmed                        |
| Alkborough          | To be confirmed                        |
| Althorpe            | To be confirmed                        |
| Barnetby            | To be confirmed                        |
| Barrow Haven        | To be confirmed                        |
| Barrow upon Humber  | To be confirmed                        |
| Barton-upon-Humber  | Train Station/Baysgarth Leisure Centre |
| Belton              | To be confirmed                        |
| Bonby               | To be confirmed                        |
| Bottesford          | Riddings Pool                          |
| Broughton           | Library                                |
| Burringham          | To be confirmed                        |
| Burton upon Stather | To be confirmed                        |
| Crowle              | To be confirmed                        |
| Ealand              | To be confirmed                        |
| Eastoft             | To be confirmed                        |
| Elsham              | To be confirmed                        |
| Epworth             | Epworth Leisure Centre                 |
| Flixborough         | To be confirmed                        |
| Garthorpe           | To be confirmed                        |
| Goxhill             | To be confirmed                        |
| Gunness             | To be confirmed                        |
| Haxey               | To be confirmed                        |
| Hibaldstow          | To be confirmed                        |
| Howsham             | To be confirmed                        |
| Keadby              | To be confirmed                        |
| Kirton in Lindsey   | To be confirmed                        |
| Luddington          | To be confirmed                        |
| Messingham          | To be confirmed                        |
| New Holland         | To be confirmed                        |
| North Killinghome   | To be confirmed                        |
| Owston Ferry        | To be confirmed                        |
| Roxby               | To be confirmed                        |
| Scawby              | To be confirmed                        |
| Scawby Brook        | Ancholme Leisure Centre                |
| Scunthorpe          | Central Library                        |
| Scunthorpe          | Train Station                          |
| Scunthorpe          | Riddings Pool                          |
| Scunthorpe          | The Pods                               |
| Scunthorpe          | To be confirmed                        |
| Scunthorpe          | To be confirmed                        |
| Scunthorpe          | To be confirmed                        |
| South Ferriby       | To be confirmed                        |
| South Killingholme  | To be confirmed                        |
| Thornton Curtis     | To be confirmed                        |
| Ulceby              | To be confirmed                        |

| <b>Town/Village</b> | <b>Site</b>              |
|---------------------|--------------------------|
| West Butterwick     | To be confirmed          |
| West Halton         | To be confirmed          |
| Westwoodside        | To be confirmed          |
| Winteringham        | To be confirmed          |
| Winterton           | Fire Station & Hub       |
| Wootton             | To be confirmed          |
| Worlaby             | TBC- Self funded project |
| Wrawby              | To be confirmed          |
| Wroot               | To be confirmed          |

The schools who have received AEDs from NLC have been asked to make them available for public use. This has the potential to make 14 more AEDs available for community use.