



**RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL
MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017/18**

**HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY
COMMITTEE**

**REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR, PUBLIC
HEALTH, PROTECTION & COMMUNITY
SERVICES**

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Agenda Item No:4

**UPDATE ON THE PROVISION OF
AUTOMATIC EXTERNAL
DEFIBRILLATORS IN RHONDDA
CYNON TAF**

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1.1 To update Members on the provision of Automatic External Defibrillators (AEDs) across Rhondda Cynon Taf.

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 To scrutinise the contents of the report.

3. BACKGROUND

- 3.1 Members will recall the presentation to the committee on the use of defibrillators within leisure centres in Rhondda Cynon Taf at this committee on 26th September 2017. This followed the adoption of the notice of motion considered at the Council meeting on 11th January 2017:-

“This Council seeks to support the Welsh Hearts Campaign to provide defibrillators in public places. The Council notes the difference the availability of such equipment can offer in emergency situations and we already have these at a number of Council sites, such as sports centres, recognising their importance and commits to fund an increased provision across key Council locations”.

- 3.2** At the meeting on 26th September, Members resolved that officers would report back at a future meeting of this committee with progress made.
- 3.3** Following discussion with the Welsh Hearts Campaign and the Welsh Ambulance Service a number of additional AEDs have been purchased from the Welsh Hearts Campaign to be placed at several key Council premises. It is proposed that ten devices are purchased during the current financial year with plans to purchase a further eleven in 2018/19.
- 3.4** The order for the AEDs was placed with Welsh Hearts late in November 2017 and the devices are expected to be received during February 2018. Arrangements have been made for the devices to be located, and staff to be trained, at each of the following Council premises:
- Ty Elai
 - Ty Trevithick
 - Bronwydd
 - Sardis House
 - The Pavilions
 - Heddfan
 - Ty Glantaff
 - Dinas Depot
 - Aberdare Library
 - Treorchy Library
- 3.5** The locations have been selected taking into account the number of employees based at the location, together with the number of anticipated visitors / users / clients. The location and availability of existing 'community' AED's was also considered following receipt of information from the Welsh Hearts Campaign.
- 3.6** A further assessment has been undertaken to identify the most appropriate locations for the additional AEDs that will be purchased early in the next financial year. It is anticipated these further devices will be located at the remaining Libraries, as these are key community hubs, where maximum benefit may be obtained. When installed at the individual locations, each AED will be registered with the Welsh Ambulance Service and thereby made available for wider use in the general community.

3.7 These 21 devices being purchased by the Council are in addition to the more than 50 devices already installed by the Welsh Hearts Campaign at a range of premises across Rhondda Cynon Taf. In addition the Council already has defibrillators installed in each of its leisure centres and staff trained in their effective use. Devices are located at the following leisure premises:

- Llantrisant Leisure Centre
- Llantwit Fardre Leisure Centre
- Hawthorn Leisure Centre
- Tonyrefail Leisure Centre
- Bronwydd Swimming Pool
- Rhondda Fach Sports Centre
- Rhondda Sports Centre
- Sobell Sports Centre
- Abercynon Sports Centre
- Dare Valley Country Park
- Lido Ponty

3.8 There are also AEDs already installed at Ty Dysgu and the Valleys Innovation Centre and the Council's Leisure Parks & Countryside Service plan to install further devices at Aberdare Public Park, Ynyshagarad Park and Pentre Park.

4 **CONCLUSION**

4.1 The Council recognises the importance of the provision of AEDs in key locations that are accessible to staff and members of the community. In response to the notice of motion and the wishes of Members the Council has worked with the Welsh Hearts Campaign to purchase and install additional AEDs across the County Borough.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

AS AMENDED BY

THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (ACCESS TO INFORMATION) ACT 1985

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Background Papers

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