

RHONDDA CYNON TAF COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

MUNICIPAL YEAR 2017 /18

**HEALTH AND WELLBEING
SCRUTINY COMMITTEE**

13th JULY 2017

URGENT ITEM – TO BE CONSIDERED IN CONJUNCTION WITH AGENDA ITEM 6

HEALTH & WELLBEING SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME FOR THE 2017/18 MUNICIPAL YEAR – PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN PUBLIC PLACES

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF LEGAL AND DEMOCRATIC SERVICES

1. PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

The purpose of this report is to seek Members' consideration as to whether to include within the Health & Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee's Work Programme the possibility for the provision of Defibrillators in public places following the Notice of Motion that was adopted by full Council on the 11th January, 2017.

2. RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that Members of the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee:

- 2.1 Agree to the inclusion of the possibility for the provision of Defibrillators in appropriate public places where they may be made available, in the Committee's Work Programme for the Municipal Year 2017/18.

3. BACKGROUND INFORMATION

- 3.1 At the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee held on Monday of this week (10th July, 2017) during consideration of the Committee's Work Programme, reference was made by a Member to the following Notice of Motion that was considered and adopted at the Council Meeting held on the 11th January, 2017:-

"This Council seeks to support the Welsh Hearts Campaign to provide defibrillators in public places.

This 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 of equipment across key Council locations.

We request a report be brought forward for Member approval to locate a number of extra devices at key locations across the County Borough”.

- 3.2 In view of the time period that has elapsed, it was felt, following the meeting of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee that this matter be referred to the Health and Wellbeing Scrutiny Committee as a matter of urgency, in order that a report can be presented at the next meeting outlining the costs involved and the proposed suitable areas where the possibility for the provision of defibrillators can be placed.

4. CONCLUSION

- 4.1 Should Members wish to include the possibility for the provision of defibrillators in suitable public places, on the Committee’s Work Programme, then following consideration of the report from the appropriate Officer(s), the Committee’s findings will be reported to the next available Council meeting.