



# DEFIBRILLATOR PROJECT

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 9/16

14 MARCH 2016

The purpose of this paper is to ask Members to consider approving the provision of an external, 24x7 accessible Defibrillator in the centre of the town.

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**No.    DETAIL**

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**1)    BACKGROUND**

- a) Councillor Jim Toogood has carefully researched the need for an additional Defibrillator in the town, potential sites for its placement and the cost of its purchase and installation.
  - b) He recommends that the Town Council makes and funds that provision.
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**2)    EXISTING PROVISION**

- a) Each of the Doctor's Surgeries hold a Defibrillator but they are of course only accessible during their opening hours.
  - b) The Ambulance Service have kindly donated one to be installed externally on the First Aid Hut.
  - c) That is a very welcome addition to the availability of potentially life-saving equipment but clearly is not accessible for emergencies that may arise in the town's central areas.
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**3)    LOCATION**

Councillor Toogood's discussions with potential site owners have resulted in an offer from Seasons for a Defibrillator to be installed on their outside wall.

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**4)    COST**

- a) The machine that Councillor Jim Toogood recommends would cost £1,640 to purchase and require a further £137 for fitting and electrical connection.
  - b) Additional costs would be up to £230 to replace and relocate a noticeboard to clear the site for the installation and £120 to train 12 volunteers in the machine's use.
  - c) The total of £2,127 is affordable from the surplus accumulated during the financial year.
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**5)    RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to approve the purchase and installation of a Defibrillator as identified in this Report.

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