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Agenda Item 10h – Paper 8 Provision of additional defibrillators

Background information

The parish council currently provides a publicly accessible defibrillator outside the office which is managed by The Community Heartbeat Trust under an annual support contract.

There are further publicly accessible defibrillators at The Library, The Fox and Hounds PH, and Cavendish Hall. It is understood that the Rugby Club, Smart Offices Ltd at Thurston Park and Seamans Ltd at Elm Farm Park have machines for their own use which would only be accessible in an emergency when their premises are open.

The Emergency Planning Committee have considered the coverage area for the existing defibrillators and have ascertained that additional machines at Thurston Primary School and The Victoria PH would greatly improve coverage. Both these locations are agreeable to the installation of external publicly accessible units within their premises.

Costings

The defibrillator at the office was purchased and installed by Community Heartbeat Trust and the below costings are based on a similar system. CHT have quoted for each machine at £2365.00 for a Defib, an external cabinet, signage, safety kit and delivery.

The managed solution insurance and cover for both machines would be £100 for 10 years. In addition there would be additional costs for the installation of £275 each.

Annual support costs of £165 for each machine would be ongoing and would cover replacement batteries, pads and rescue kits plus an annual check of the equipment.

There are cheaper options available however none with a similar complete package of equipment, management and ongoing support –

- British Heart Foundation Defib and cabinet £2181.00 They have no managed solution and guide price for replacements is Pads £84/Batteries £280.
- St John's Ambulance similar defib and cabinet £1855.00 This is via online shop with no managed solution, pads £70 and batteries approx. £200.

Funding

District Councillors Bradbury and Davies have both pledged £1000 each from their Locality budgets to support the provision of additional defibrillators.

Recommendation

That Council consider the provision of two additional publicly accessible defibrillators, one at Thurston CE Primary School and one at The Victoria PH supplied by Community Heartbeat Trust with a managed solution at a total cost of £4,830.00 plus £550.00 installation and an ongoing support package for both machines at £330.00 per annum.

Funding: District Cllrs. £2,000; Smal Grants £2,830; Village Maintenance (revenue) £880.