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	Provision of Defibrillators	CE5/59b

Background

Neston Town Council currently has a defibrillator grants programme to support local organisations to purchase and maintain defibrillators for the benefit of the wider community.

When it was decided to create a grants programme specifically for defibrillators, it was agreed to create and maintain a local list of defibrillators in Neston. Despite concerted efforts, it has proved impossible to get responses from the majority of defibrillator owners and so it has not been possible to publish a comprehensive local list. At the meeting on 7 July, it was suggested that the Town Council should be publicising the national network (The Circuit) and encouraging owners to register with The Circuit rather than maintaining a local list.

At the C&E meeting on 7 July there was discussion of about the importance for the community to have 24-hour access to defibrillators. It was agreed that provision of defibrillators within Neston would be considered as an agenda item at the next scheduled meeting.

Some options that Committee might wish to consider

1. Make an addition to the Grants Policy to require all Council-funded defibrillators to be positioned on an outside wall with 24-hour access and requiring all grant recipients to register with The Circuit.
2. Replace the defibrillator grants programme with a scheme whereby a local organisation could apply to host a defibrillator. If approved, the Town Council would purchase and install the defibrillator on an outside wall of the host's property and the Town Council would register with The Circuit as the "primary guardian" of the defibrillator. The Town Council would replace consumables as and when required and the host would agree to carry out a periodic check of the device and to pay the cost of heating the cabinet. (See agenda item 59a for current costs of purchase/installation of an outdoor defibrillator.)

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