

Decision under Delegated Powers

Officer Requesting Decision

Sport & Active Recreation Manager

Officer Making the Decision

Head of Neighbourhood Services

Recommendation

To approve the extension of Charnwood Borough Council's Sports Facilities Grant criteria to include consideration of applications for the purchase and installation of Automated External Defibrillators (AED) s within a sports club setting.

Reason

To support Charnwood sports clubs wishing to provide AEDs at their facilities to enable them, through effective training to provide emergency first aid in the event of cardiac arrest of participants/spectators and the wider community.

Authority for Decision

On 27th September 2007 Cabinet gave delegated authority to the Director of Partnerships & Customer Services to finalise the detailed criteria and associated revisions for the Charnwood Grants scheme, which included sports grants (minute ref: 86.8). The Head of Neighbourhood Services is now the current officer with responsibility for the grants scheme.

Decision and Date

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Background

In December 2015, as part of the Sporting Future strategy, the Minister of Sport commissioned a study which considered the duty of care of sports clubs to their participants and wider community.

Published in April 2017, the independent Duty of Care in Sport review, advocates more training and better awareness of cardiac health to help protect people, especially young people who play sport.

Public awareness of sudden cardiac arrest in sport has increased locally due to the work of local heart charity the Joe Humphries Memorial Trust (JHMT), which has been lobbying for better understanding of conditions like sudden arrhythmic death syndrome (SADS).

In recent months Charnwood Borough Council's Sport and Active Recreation team have received an increased number of enquiries from local sports clubs about funding opportunities to support the purchase and installation of AEDs which links closely to the heart safe objectives of the JHMT.

Proposal

As part of the Charnwood Sports facilities grant strand it is proposed to extend the Charnwood Sports Grant facilities criteria to allow grant applications for the provision of Automated External Defibrillators at Charnwood Sports Clubs. Clubs will be allowed to apply for up to a maximum of £500.

All AEDs must be located in a box, on the outside of a facility; this grant can contribute to the cost of the box and/or the AED (however they must be purchasing both). By providing support for the purchase of and AED and box, we will expect the club to commit to organising Heartwise/ CPR training (available through the JHMT) for all members and volunteers.

Conclusion

After much discussion with key partners of the Charnwood Sport and Active Recreation Alliance (CSARA) the recommended changes to Charnwood Sports facilities grant criteria is considered to be a vital change which will demonstrate the council's commitment to the health and well-being of its residents.

The proposed changes have received endorsement from the Club, Coach and Volunteer Sub Group (CVV) which is responsible for assessing Charnwood Borough Council's Sports grants and is a sub group of the Charnwood Sport and Active Recreation Alliance.

Comments from HR

Not Applicable

Financial Implications

There are no financial implications, this can be funded from the existing 2017/18 Charnwood Sports Council Budget £11,800 (L925 D0824).

Risk Management

Risk Identified	Likelihood	Impact	Risk Management Actions Planned
Increased applications are received to fund defibrillators	Medium	Low	Applicants to go through current stringent assessment process

Key Decision:

No

Background Papers:

Duty of Care in Sport - Independent Report to Government April 2017 Baroness Tanni Grey-Thompson DBE,DL

Amended Grants Criteria 13th June 2017

E mail confirmation from Club, Coach and Volunteer Sub Group members to support new criteria 13th June 2017

