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Summary

This report sets out proposals to encourage more public access defibrillators within the City of London, and seeks Members comments.

Recommendation(s)

Members are asked to:

- comment on the proposed scheme.

Main Report

Background

1. Members of the Health & Social Care Scrutiny Committee have sought to clarify the current availability of defibrillators within the City and explore the opportunity to increase the number of public access defibrillators in key sites around the City.
2. Every year in the UK, around 30,000 people suffer out of hospital sudden cardiac arrest, making it one of the UK's biggest killers. There were 146 estimated cases within the City & Hackney during 2015/6 (City of London level data is not available).
3. Areas of high population density are identified as key risk areas. The City has a working population of 450,000 and an estimated 10 million visitors a year.

Current Position

4. The table appended lists the provision of recorded defibrillators within the City of London. This information is provided by the Heartsafe Charity, TFL and the Helicopter Emergency Services Equipment and may not be a complete picture. The information demonstrates that the majority of defibrillators in the City of London have limited access in that they are available during certain hours. However, it should be noted that these hours map to the peak in working population footfall. There are also a few 24/7 publicly accessible defibrillators.

5. Initial desktop research shows that no major urban local authority is directly funding publicly sited and available defibrillators. Most schemes supporting this provision are offered through charities. This approach can help address some of the issues of governance, insurance, maintenance, electricity supply, safety compliance and public liability that need to be considered and met.
6. Community and charitable schemes include the conversion of phone boxes for this purpose. Such conversion occurs through local adoption of a phone box by a community group or organisation, and tends to be community funded. There are none in the City.
7. Some retailers have schemes to make this equipment available, but these are limited in number and linked to opening hours.

Proposals

8. It is proposed that the City Corporation develop a scheme to increase the availability and distribution of 24/7 publicly accessible defibrillators in the City.
9. The pilot will be funded by £6,000 in 2017/18 from the Corporation's Public Health budget. It is proposed that the scheme will grant fund parties willing to partner with one of the charities working in this field, to ensure plans are fully considered and sustainable. It will support proposals that will provide devices that can be accessed around the clock, and will prioritise areas with limited provision and/or high footfall.
10. It is envisaged that the funding will be a contributory donation which will meet the initial capital costs (in the region of £1,500). Bidders will need to consider the sustainability of their plans as there will be some small ongoing revenue costs and maintenance needs.
11. The funding provides for a limited pilot through which the Corporation can test out the interest in this approach, and its efficacy in encouraging greater availability of defibrillators. Its outcome will be used to inform future plans.
12. Members are asked to comment on these proposals.

Corporate & Strategic Implications

13. The provision of defibrillators within the City aligns with the Community and Children's Services Departmental Business Plan and the priorities of the Health and Wellbeing Board.

Conclusion

14. Publicly available defibrillators provide a vital contribution to saving lives. The proposed scheme will test out the opportunity to ensure greater coverage and availability of this essential equipment.

Appendices

Appendix 1 – Defibrillators in the City

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Appendix 1 Defibrillators in the City

| Occupier | Street Name/Number | Postcode | Accessibility | Number |
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| Ardmore Construction Limited | 10 Trinity Square | EC3N 4AL | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Brookfield Bishopsgate | 99 Bishopsgate | EC2M 3XD | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Ardmore Construction Project | 27-35 Poultry | EC2R 8AJ | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Aberdeen Asset Management | 1 Bread Street | EC4M 9HH | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Broadwalk House | 5 Appold Street | EC2A 2DA | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Fenchurch Street Station | Fenchurch Place | EC3M 4AJ | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Cannon Street Station | Cannon Street | EC4N 6AP | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Liverpool Street Station | Liverpool Street | EC2M 7QH | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Moorgate Station | Moorgate | EC2Y 9AE | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| Blackfriars Station | 179 Queen Victoria Street | EC4V 4EG | 24/7 unlimited access | 1 |
| ISG (side entrance) | 35 Seething Lane | EC3N 4AH | Limited Access | 1 |
| Everest Reinsurance Group | 40 Lime Street | EC3M 5BS | Limited Access | 1 |
| Lendlease Project Office | 1 Cousin Lane | EC4R 3XX | Limited Access | 1 |
| Park House | 16-18 Finsbury Circus | EC2M 7EB | Limited Access | 1 |
| Callcredit Information Group | Red Lion Buildings, Cock Lane | EC1A 9BU | Limited Access | 1 |
| NESTA | 1 Plough Place | EC4A 1DE | Limited Access | 1 |
| Redrow Homes London | 53 – 64 Chancery Lane | WC2A 1QS | Limited Access | 1 |
| Tesco Metro | 80B Cheapside | EC2V 6EE | Limited Access | 1 |
| Mansion House Station | 38 Cannon Street | EC4N 6JD | Limited Access | 1 |
| Moorgate/Liverpool Street | Moorfields London | EC2Y 9AE | Limited Access | 1 |
| St Paul Station | Cheapside, London | EC2V6AA | Limited Access | 1 |
| Aldgate Station | Aldgate High Street | EC3N 1AH | Limited Access | 1 |
| Bank/Monument Station | Princes Street | EC3V 3LA | Limited Access | 8 |
| Barbican Station | Farringdon | EC1A 4JA | Limited Access | 1 |
| Cannon Street, Mansion House | Cannon Street | EC4N 6AP | Limited Access | 1 |
| Chancery Lane, St Pauls | High Holborn | WC1V 6DR | Limited Access | 1 |
| Farringdon | Cowcross Street | EC1M 6BY | Limited Access | 1 |
| Holborn | Kingsway | WC2B 6AA | Limited Access | 2 |