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| Subject: | Motion – CPR Training and Circuit |
| Date: | 18th August, 2023 |
| Reporting Officer: | Nora Largey, Interim City Solicitor/Director of Legal and Civic Services |
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| 1.0 | Purpose of Report/Summary of Main Issues |
| | To bring to Members' attention a motion in relation to CPR Training and Circuit, which the Standards and Business Committee considered at its meeting on 27th June. |
| 2.0 | Recommendation |
| | The Committee is asked to consider the motion. |
| 3.0 | Main Report |
| | <u>Key Issues</u> |
| 3.1 | The Standards and Business Committee, at its meeting on 27th June, considered the following motion which had been received for submission to the Council on 3rd July: |

CPR Training and Circuit

“This Council notes that cardiac arrest is the ultimate medical emergency, occurring when someone’s heart stops pumping blood around the body and they stop breathing normally.

Early cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) and a defibrillator shock are vital to a person’s chances of surviving a cardiac arrest.

In the North of Ireland, there are around 1,400 cardiac arrests each year which take place outside of hospital. Less than one in ten survive to be discharged from hospital.

The Council recognises that survival rates are higher in places where more people are trained to perform CPR and are willing to intervene.

The Council commends the work of the British Heart Foundation in providing schools and communities with the resources to learn CPR. Its campaigning work has resulted in CPR training now being a compulsory element of our school curriculum for Key Stage 3 pupils.

The Belfast Agenda envisions a Belfast where everyone fulfils their potential. Empowering young people with the skills to become lifesavers encourages confidence and adds to children’s belief that they can make a difference to society.

Early defibrillation is another crucial part of the chain of survival when a cardiac arrest happens. Many defibrillators never get used because emergency services don’t know where they are or how to access them - this can cost lives. This is why registering all defibrillators on The Circuit is so vital as it could mean the difference between life and death.

We propose that the Council moves to ensure that all defibrillators located on Council property are registered on The Circuit, are accessible to the public 24/7 and are emergency ready.

We also move to ensure that any future funding for defibrillators provided by the Council includes strict criteria that the funded defibrillator must be registered on The Circuit.

Additionally, it is proposed that the Council takes its lead from our young people and supports the provision of mandatory CPR training for all councillors and council staff. We also commit to raise awareness through all our available channels and platforms and encourage all citizens to avail of CPR training.”

The motion was proposed by Councillor Black and seconded by Alderman McCoubrey.

As the motion involves a number of actions which fall within the remit of the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee, the Standards and Business Committee agreed that it should be referred to that Committee in the first instance.

Financial and Resource Implications

None at this stage.

Equality or Good Relations Implications / Rural Needs Assessment

This motion, if agreed, may have potential equality, good relations and rural needs implications and should be subject to our normal screening process as appropriate.

Documents Attached

None