

## **FC55. PROVISION OF DEFIBRILLATORS IN THE FALKIRK COUNCIL AREA**

Council considered a report by the Director of Corporate and Housing Services on the provision of defibrillators in the Falkirk Council area.

On 17 December 2014, Council requested (ref FC63), a report on the provision of defibrillators in the Falkirk Council area with a view to supporting the partnership work being undertaken among the British Heart Foundation, the Scottish Government and the Scottish Ambulance Service.

The report set out the current provision of defibrillators on Council and Falkirk Community Trust premises. Based on statistical information provided by the Scottish Ambulance Service about the incidence of cardiac arrests and chest pain emergency calls received over the last 5 years across part of the Falkirk Council area, a further 14 premises had been identified as suitable locations for additional defibrillators it was nevertheless recognised that the data, which was collated by postcode, was still incomplete.

The resource and staff implications of extending the provision of defibrillators was set out. Should the Council purchase further equipment and work in partnership with the Scottish Ambulance Service, a memorandum of understanding would be entered into to agree standards of use and maintenance.

Councillor Blackwood, seconded by Councillor Alexander, moved that Council agrees to:-

- (1) note the contents of the report; and
- (2) ask officers to continue to work with the Scottish Ambulance Service to develop and sign the memorandum of understanding and, once agreed, arrange purchase and installation of suitable defibrillators as noted at section 4.4 of the report.

Following discussion, Councillor Blackwood, with the consent of the Provost and Councillor Alexander, as his seconder, agreed to adjust his motion to include:-

- (3) to request a report back to Council once further information is known on all postcodes covering the Council area, with recommendations on any further requirements for defibrillators.

### **Decision**

**Council agreed to:-**

- (1) note the contents of the report;**
- (2) ask officers to continue to work with the Scottish Ambulance Service to develop and sign the memorandum of understanding and once agreed, arrange purchase and installation of suitable defibrillators as noted at section 4.4 of the report; and**
- (3) request a report once further information is known on all postcodes covering the Council area, with recommendations on any further requirements for defibrillators.**