



Subject:	Northern Ireland Community Resuscitation Strategy: Northern Ireland Ambulance Service Presentation
Date:	10 May 2016
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Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/>	No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.1	To seek the Committee's agreement to invite representatives of the Northern Ireland Ambulance Service (NIAS) to attend the June meeting of the Committee, to provide information to Members on the Northern Ireland Community Resuscitation Strategy and its implications for Belfast.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to: <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider this report and agree to the NIAS making a short presentation to Committee at its June meeting and also receiving an update on the Council's deployment of public access defibrillators.
3.0	Main report
3.1	<u>Key Issues</u> In considering a Notice of Motion moved by Councillor Garrett regarding defibrillators, the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee on the 20 th November 2015 agreed to extend the Council's deployment of defibrillators to a number of additional Council premises and, also, on a trial basis, deploying Public Access Defibrillators.

3.2	In considering this issue the Committee also agreed to invite Northern Ireland Ambulance Service officials to address Members at a future date on the NI Resuscitation Strategy and its implications for Belfast.
3.3	Although the initial leadership on this issue was provided by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee (which takes the lead on health and safety issues), the NI Resuscitation Strategy and the community deployment of defibrillators more closely aligns to the work of the People and Communities Committee and that is why this paper is being brought to this Committee.
3.4	For background, in 2014 the Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety published a community resuscitation strategy for Northern Ireland, which can be accessed on-line at https://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/publications/community-resuscitation-strategy-and-reports .
3.5	This Strategy recognises the need to take measures to improve survival rates for those suffering an out of hospital cardiac arrest, drawing upon learning from countries around the world. The Strategy articulates a number of objectives including 'improving the availability of, and access to, the AEDs that are in place across Northern Ireland'.
3.6	The NIAS has been tasked with producing public information / guidance on AEDs (provision / accessibility), assessing the feasibility and potential value of establishing a register of AEDs and looking at ways / models of improving public access defibrillation.
3.7	It is proposed that the NIAS presentation will provide the Committee with an update on implementation of the Strategy and allow Members to consider what support the Council could provide to progress the Strategy further within the city.
3.8	The Corporate Health and Safety Unit will also provide a progress update to this meeting on the pilot installation of public access defibrillators within six Council parks and two mobile units.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.9	None

3.10	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications</u> None
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
4.1	None