

Stronger Communities Committee

Date: Monday 16 September 2019

Title: Defibrillator on the Leys Recreation Ground

Contact Officer: Operations & Estates Officer - John Hickman

Background

As previously reported to Council, the Leys Defibrillator was found to have been unmaintained and non-operational earlier this year. A new battery and pads were purchased for the unit, when placed back into service the Operations and estates Officer discovered the icon indicators on the screen of the unit were very faint. He carried out the checks suggested in the manual when this did not improve the issue the suppliers were contacted. The advice was that as the unit had been non-operational for a long period it may take time for the screen to come back. The Operations and Estates Officer was told to monitor the unit and if the screen did not come back to contact the company again.

Action Taken

As suggested, the unit has been monitored but the screen has not come back in-fact it faded more. The Operations and Estates Officer was told to return the unit to the supplier to be checked over. The report that has come says it appears the unit has been damaged at some point misaligning the seal and allowing water to access the components. The unit is beyond economic repair and should be replaced.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

Council need to consider the H&S implications if this unit is not replaced given the activities that take place on the Leys Recreation Ground.

Financial implications

To replace the unit like for like from the original supplier - the website costs states £1,325, however the company have quoted to provide a new unit for £795 + VAT + £9.95 shipping

At an earlier meeting rolling budgets for the maintenance and the eventual replacement of the defibrillators on WTC land in several years to come was agreed by Council – however no funds are available to be able to replace this one immediately – it would need to be covered from the Council’s Rolling Capital Fund.

Recommendations

Members are invited to note the report and consider the purchase of a replacement defibrillator for the Leys Recreation Ground at a cost off £795 + VAT + £9.95 Shipping..