

## **Scrutiny Review of Defibrillators**

### **Summary**

The Committee is requested to consider the information provided at the meeting to inform the review.

### **Detail**

1. On 20 June the Committee held an evidence gathering session with the North East Ambulance Service, and North Tees and Hartlepool NHS Foundation Trust. The notes and information from that session are attached at **Appendix 1 and 2**.
2. Subsequently a survey has been circulated for the Borough's schools and colleges, and Parish and Town Councils, in order to assist with mapping the location of current defibrillators, and gathering views on whether this coverage could be increased. Feedback has also been gathered from shopping and town centres. The summary results will be reported to this meeting.
3. Tees Active Limited, and Cleveland Fire Brigade have been invited to this meeting in order to provide further information on the location of existing AEDs/views on increasing numbers, and community training programmes/co-responder programmes, respectively.
4. On 13 July, NHS England announced that national framework for categorising and responding to 999 ambulance calls would be revised. This is in part intended to improve responses to cardiac arrest. Attached are the letter from the NHS Medical Director to the Secretary of State (**Appendix 3**), and a press release from NEAS (**Appendix 4**).

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