

Agenda Item	5.
Report No	CLH 73/19

## THE HIGHLAND COUNCIL

**Committee:** Care, Learning and Housing

**Date:** 5 December 2019

**Report Title:** Provision of Defibrillators and Emergency Life Support Training in Secondary Schools in Highland – presentation by Lucky2BHere

**Report By:** Chief Executive

### 1. Purpose/Executive Summary

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to support the presentation from the Lucky2BHere charity as they continue to work with secondary schools across Highland. It will update Members on the ongoing work to deliver emergency life support training and to support schools and communities to acquire an Automated External Defibrillator (AED).

### 2. Recommendations

- 2.1 Members are asked to:
- i. Note the progress being made as Highland Council continues to work collaboratively with the Lucky2BHere charity to support secondary and special schools to secure a defibrillator and to deliver a programme of emergency life support training to 3<sup>rd</sup> year pupils in 2020.
  - ii. Agree to Lucky2BHere updating the Highland Council with school evaluations and next steps.

### 3. Implications

#### 3.1 Resource

There are no implications.

#### 3.2 Legal

There are no legal implications from the recommendations of this report.

#### 3.3 Community (Equality, Poverty, Rural and Island)

The programme should better support community access to defibrillators across the Highlands.

#### 3.4 **Climate Change / Carbon Clever**

There are no obvious climate change implications arising from this report.

#### 3.5 **Risk**

Any works required at individual sites will be the subject of appraisal by the Council's Property Officers, to assess scope of works and implications arising.

#### 3.6 **Gaelic**

There are no implications.

### 4. **Background**

4.1 The Lucky2BHere charity was set up in 2009 by Ross Cowie from Portree, following his survival from a sudden cardiac arrest.

4.2 Over recent years Highland Council has actively promoted the collaboration between the Lucky2BHere charity and Head Teachers of both secondary and special schools. The focus has been on empowering schools and communities to undertake fundraising to secure a defibrillator in their locality, and engagement has been encouraged between Head Teachers, pupils, parent forums and communities to raise awareness of the importance of local provision of this life saving equipment.

### 5. **Next Steps**

5.1 Currently 20 secondary schools and 2 special schools have a defibrillator on site and the emphasis is now to ensure a commitment from the remaining schools to progress this in their local community.

5.2 From August this year Lucky2BHere have engaged with secondary schools to offer a programme of emergency life support training, with the intention to deliver initially to S3 pupils. There will be an evaluation of the programme at the end of the current session to consider its success and sustainability. Ideally the long term aim would be for all young people in Highland to leave secondary school having had the opportunity to undertake emergency life support training.

5.3 Lucky2BHere have been delivering this training in some of our schools for some time. This can be as part of the PSE or Health and Wellbeing curriculum, linked to HGIOS 4 quality indicator 3.1 Ensuring Wellbeing, Equality and Inclusion, to improve outcomes for children, young people and their families. Also, one secondary school is currently developing its S3 Leadership course, which includes the Lucky2BHere emergency life support training, with a view to securing SCQF wider achievement accreditation supporting the raising attainment agenda for all young people.

Designation: Chief Executive

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Background Papers: Powerpoint Presentation