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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Inverclyde Council</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>17 February 2022</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Head of Legal &amp; Democratic Services</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>LS/025/22</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>“Control the Bleed Kits” - Request by Councillor Brooks</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the Council of a request received from Councillor Brooks in relation to “Control the Bleed Kits”.
- 1.2 The terms of Councillor Brooks request are set out in Appendix 1 to the report.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 2.1 That the Council considers the request by Councillor Brooks.

**Iain Strachan**  
**Head of Legal & Democratic Services**

## **Control The Bleed Kits**

The Council is continually challenged by knife crime and the loss of life through criminal behaviour.

We recognise that many victims receive no first aid at the scene and bleed to death shortly after reaching hospital.

The recent installation of “Control The Bleed Kits” for use in public venues and areas has been welcomed by Police and Ambulance Services.

In addition to strong legislation from Scotland’s governments, we believe that our support for the kits within our communities would be welcomed by all, making Inverclyde a safer place.

If we can get as many publicly accessible venues to house these kits as possible, the public will know there is one nearby available to help someone in need. Those vital few minutes are paramount. Heroes often come in the form of zero responders i.e. someone on the scene. A member of the public with access to a kit can be that person who saves a life and prevents a preventable tragedy.

Knife attack victims or car crash victims can bleed to death in less time than an ambulance takes to get to them, these kits are a true life-saver.

The Council asks the Chief Executive to provide a report to the next relevant Committee outlining;

1. The learned experience of Councils or Public Bodies, throughout the UK who have installed the kits
2. An officers recommendation on the value of promoting the installation of the kits across Inverclyde
3. An initial communication strategy to encourage Inverclyde Alliance, Third Sector organisations and major companies etc. to consider funding and/or installing the kits
4. The cost to Inverclyde Council to install a number of the kits in appropriate buildings/areas of our estate. Including insurance burden and the replenishment of contents
5. The cost to Inverclyde Council of running a promotion campaign, for twelve months, expressing the lifesaving value of the kits