

WINTER SERVICE POLICY 2010-2011

1 PURPOSE

To approve the Winter Service Policy document for 2010-11

2. RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Executive Committee approve the Winter Service Policy 2010-11 to allow implementation of Operational Plans.

3. DETAILS

- 3.1 Members are reminded of the Area presentations given in June and the Business Day papers of September 2010. The policy document attached **APPENDIX 1** maintains the level of pre-treatment service delivered in 2009-10. Comments and recommendations from Area Committees do not affect the Policy Document but where necessary Operational Plan documents will be enhanced as requested.
- 3.2 The main changes to the Policy Document are to the resilience of the service with respect to the preservation and most efficient use of Salt supplies. These measures comply with the guidance issued by the United Kingdom Roads Liaison Group UKRLG, in the aftermath of the severe winters of 2008-09 and 2009-10
- 3.3 The current Revenue budget allocation of £1.145M is sufficient to cater for an average level of winter activity, equating to the equivalent of 58 full turn-outs of the 31 vehicle pre-treatment fleet. Treatment of individual routes will vary with forecast or conditions but this equates to approximately 50 separate days activity throughout the winter period 1st Nov – 15th April including ~5 days snow clearance.
- 3.4 The Revenue budget allocation for this service includes a direct saving of £100k from the previous year, produced by reducing the winter capable fleet by 4 x 18t GVM vehicles. Whilst this preserves the ability to pre-treat 1205km, or 52%, of the public road network as before, the ability to mobilise additional direct resources, in response to persisting or recurring hazardous conditions, is reduced.
- 3.5 The Policy document and associated operational plans and route descriptions will be updated on the Winter Service page of the Council website at :-
<http://www.argyll-bute.gov.uk/content/roadsandtransport/roadsandpavements>
The current pre-treatment route map and description documents are available at present and WRC4 secondary carriageway and reactive Footway route maps will be added to further inform the public of the operational capabilities of this service.

4. IMPLICATIONS

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| 4.1 | Policy | Maintains previous season's level of pre-treatment service and route treatment lengths. The reactive treatment of footways in persisting hazards is also maintained at the previous level of service. |
| 4.2 | Financial | Operational Revenue budget 2010-2011 = £1.145 M
This includes a saving of £100k from 2009-10 |
| 4.3 | Personnel | Standby and Management arrangements unchanged. |
| 4.4 | Equalities
Impact
Assessment | None |
| 4.5 | Legal | None |

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