

Council, Tuesday, 26 January 2010

Motion 3.1: Councillor Claire Farrier

Getting us through the winter weather

Council wishes to place on record its thanks to all council staff, voluntary organisations and other public sector partners who were involved in trying to keep frontline council and other services operational in Barnet during the recent extreme weather.

Council also recognises the efforts of staff and residents who checked on elderly and vulnerable neighbours to ensure they were safe and well.

Council notes that there has been a surge in people attending accident and emergency units with injuries from falling on ice and snow.

Council also notes that the majority of Barnet roads and pavements are not gritted due to a lack of resources; that many areas do not have enough grit bins, and where they do the grit bins are often not full or filled with litter and rubbish.

Council recognises that extreme winter weather events are likely to become more frequent in the future, and believes that more investment in dealing with future winter weather is going to be needed.

Council therefore asks Cabinet and Scrutiny to co-operate in a review of the level of resources available and the strategy currently in place for dealing with our worsening winters, and report back to Cabinet with options to help better plan for and cope with these extreme weather events.

Under Standing Order Part 4, Section 1, 31.5: if my item is not dealt with by the end of the meeting I ask that it be voted upon at the council meeting.