

**Council, Tuesday 26 January 2010**

**Motion 3.2:** Councillor Jeremy Davies

**Severe Weather**

Council recognises the efforts of its officers in responding to the recent outbreak of 'severe weather' and expresses its thanks for all their hard work. Council also notes, however, the widespread public dissatisfaction with the response of most authorities to the poor weather conditions and recommends the establishment of a 'task and finish' working group to ascertain what lessons, if any, the Council can learn. Further, Council would encourage this working group to invite and take evidence from members of the public about what worked well and where they would like to see improvements. The Council would also encourage this working group to consider the specific issue of 'gritting' in terms of the availability of equipment and material, the number and positioning of grit boxes and the decisions around which roads to grit and which to overlook (taking in the decision not to grit the vast majority of the borough's footpaths and pavements).

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.