

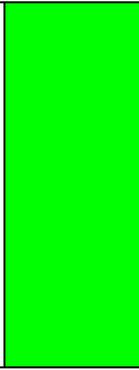
Council's Response to Cold Weather Task and Finish Group – Cabinet, 20 October 2010

Recommendation	Status	Information	Contact Officer
<p>That the draft Winter Service Policy and Operation Plan 2010/11 be recommended for adoption by the Council for the winter season (commencing 1st November 2010, subject to:</p> <p>*Environment & Operations having regard to individual requests made by Task and Finish Groups Members for amendments to the Priority Network (subject to resource constraints);</p> <p>*An amendment to the Priority 2 Footway classification to include footways in close proximity to out-of-centre railway and underground stations; and</p> <p>*Inclusion in Section 3.8 of the Policy and Operation Plan of the criteria for assessing and approving requests for additional grit bins.</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> “That the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group be approved”</p> <p><u>Update June 2011:</u> Fully implemented in 2010/11. All recommended changes to the 2010/11 Plan have been adopted.</p> <p>Note the Winter Service Policy and Operation Plan is reviewed every year will need to be reviewed to prepare the 2011/12 Plan.</p> <p><u>Update January 2012:</u> The Winter Service Policy and Operation Plan for the winter season 2011/12 has been prepared and is currently in the process of obtaining Council approval via a Cabinet Member DPR (Chris Chrysostomou 17/11/11)</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u> The Winter Service Policy and Operation Plan for the winter season 2011/12 was approved. This Plan is currently being revised for the next winter season 2012/13.</p>	<p>Chris Chrysostomou, Chief Engineer (Infrastructure), Environment & Operations</p> <p>Paul Bragg, Highways Manager (Network Management), Environment & Operations</p>

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<p>The Group have identified that the Winter Service is fit for purpose and recommend that the existing budget should be maintained at its current level to ensure that the Council can respond appropriately to periods of cold weather and snowfall.</p>	<p>Red</p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> “That the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group be approved”</p> <p><u>Update June 2011:</u> Partially implemented. The budget for 2010/11 was reduced from £702K the previous year (2009/10) to £599K. However, this budget was sufficient to meet the cost of providing the service.</p> <p><u>Update January 2012:</u> The Winter Service budget for 2011/12 has been reduced to £335,300. This budget is likely to be overspent, particularly if the forthcoming winter is of similar severity as the last two winters.</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u> The 2011/12 winter service budget was overspent by £122,946, the actual service cost was £458,246. The 2012/13 budget has been set at £417,730</p>	<p>Chris Chrysostomou, Chief Engineer (Infrastructure), Environment & Operations</p> <p>Paul Bragg, Highways Manager (Network Management), Environment & Operations</p>

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<p>Environment & Operations be requested to undertake a pilot scheme during the 2010/11 winter season to enable the concept of a 'community keeper' (with responsibility for the equitable distribution of grit stocks amongst neighbouring residents) to be explored, with the following areas to be explored initially:</p> <p>*Golders Green – Cllr Dean Cohen to identify two roads and provide residents contact details</p> <p>*Chipping Barnet – Cllr Stephen Sowerby to identify two roads and provide residents contact details</p> <p>*Local Schools – Children's Services to provide contact details of two participating schools</p> <p>Following the first period of significant snow or ice, an assessment be undertaken</p>	<p>Green</p>	<p><u>Cabinet response to recommendation:</u> "That the recommendations of the Task and Finish Group be approved"</p> <p><u>Update June 2011:</u> Fully implemented in 2010/11. We have assessed the success of the pilot scheme and the attachment (Appendix B) provides details. As per the Directorate's Service Plan, we have agreed to extend this scheme to a further two schools and a further two roads in the next 2011/12 winter season.</p> <p><u>Update January 2012:</u> The pilot scheme will be continued this year. The Corporate Communications Group will be leading on this pilot scheme for this year and their aim is to extend the scheme to cover up to 20 roads and a similar number of schools. (Chris</p> <p><u>Update July 2012</u> The pilot scheme was rebranded as Grit Pledgebank and covered some 24 schools and 15 streets. The scheme was successful and is likely to be extended into the next winter season.</p>	<p>Chris Chrysostomou, Chief Engineer (Infrastructure), Environment & Operations</p> <p>Paul Bragg, Highways Manager (Network Management), Environment & Operations</p>

by the Cabinet Member and relevant Director of the success (or otherwise) of the scheme. Subject to the scheme being successfully delivered in the initial areas, the 'community keeper' concept should be rolled-out across the borough, subject to resources being available to facilitate this.



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