

**EXECUTIVE COUNCILLOR  
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**SCRUTINY COMMENTS**

**UPDATE TO THE WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN**

The Highways and Transport Scrutiny Committee met on 24 October 2016 and considered a report concerning an update to the Winter Maintenance Plan. The Committee unanimously supported that the Executive Councillor for Highways, Transport and I.T approve the changes recommended in the report.

The Committee agreed to pass on the following comments to the Executive Councillor as part of his consideration of this item.

- The Committee welcomed the proposed use of Firefighters to provide additional capacity in severe weather and queried how this would be managed on a contractual basis. Officers confirmed that it had been recommended that the County Council would act as the employer for any Firefighters that undertake Winter Maintenance duties in severe weather, however, other drivers would continue to be employed by Kier.
- The Committee requested that Officers provide a report at the end of the 2016/17 winter period to monitor whether the proposed reduction of spare gritters from 5 to 4 had an impact has on service provision.
- The Committee highlighted the importance of continued preparation and training for severe winter weather events. Officers confirmed that regular emergency planning did take place and that the service area was well experienced with 2010 being the last real severe winter.