

**Open Report on behalf of Richard Wills, Executive Director, (Development Services)**

Report to:	<b>Cllr W Webb - Executive Councillor Highways and Transport</b>
Date:	<b>23 September 2010</b>
Subject:	<b>WINTER MAINTENANCE PLAN 2010-2011</b>
Decision Reference:	<b>01779</b>
Key decision?	<b>Yes</b>

**Summary:**

A review of Winter Highway Maintenance Services was carried out during the winter of 2009/2010 in a review by the Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee.

Based on the above report and guidance from expert views given during the Scrutiny Review a revised Winter Maintenance Plan has been developed and considered by the Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee on 13 September 2010.

The Winter Maintenance Plan sets out the Council's winter maintenance policies, legal duties and standards.

**Recommendation(s):**

That the new Winter Maintenance Policy, attached as an appendix to the report to Highways Transport and Technology Committee, is accepted.

**Alternatives Considered:**

The new Policy is based on recommendations arising from an in-depth consideration of the current policy by the Highways Transport and Technology Scrutiny Review Working Group

**Reasons for Recommendation:**

The policy is in need of approval in readiness for the winter of 2010/2011 due to the need to:

1. Develop robust standards.
2. Take account of lessons learnt and pressures from last winter.
3. Comply with necessary legal changes.

## **1. Background**

The background and conclusion are included in the report to Highways Transport and Technology Committee on 13 September 2010 which is attached as Appendix A to this report.

## **2. Conclusion**

See Appendix A

## **3. Legal Comments:**

The Winter Maintenance Plan is within the Council's statutory function as highway authority for Lincolnshire. This decision is therefore lawful and within the Executive Councillor's remit provided he has the delegated authority of the Leader.

## **4. Resource Comments:**

Approval of this report will accept the new Winter Maintenance Policy. Winter maintenance expenditure is variable and dependent on the severity of weather conditions. Expenditure is budgeted for on average winter conditions with the Adverse Weather Reserve being used when the winter is worse than expected and replenished when the winter is milder than expected. The new winter maintenance policy will impact on this expenditure but based on average winter conditions will be contained within the existing revenue budget provision.

## **5. Consultation**

### **a) Has Local Member Been Consulted?**

n/a

### **b) Has Executive Councillor Been Consulted?**

Yes

### **c) Scrutiny Comments**

Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee on 13 September requested the following:

- 1) HM 28 to include Town Councils
- 2) that further work be carried out on grit bin evaluation to achieve a final points score that would be agreed between the Executive Councillor for Highways and Transport and the Assistant Director (Highways and Transport).

#### **d) Policy Proofing Actions Required**

The draft strategy is consistent with the existing policies of the County Council.

#### **6. Appendices**

These are listed below and attached at the back of the report	
Appendix A	Report to Highways, Transport and Technology Scrutiny Committee 13/09/10: Winter Maintenance Plan 2010/11 (including Appendices)

#### **6. Background Papers**

No background papers within Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972 were used in the preparation of this report.

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