

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – PROPOSED RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY

Matthew Balfour Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment

DECISION NO:

For publication

Key decision*

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: Winter Service Policy

Decision: As Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, I agree to the following changes to the winter service policy:

- (s. 3.3.2) Brine trial for selected routes to be implemented, supported by the Transport Research Laboratory (TRL)
- (s. 4.3.2) Kent Road Weather forecast to be sent out via the winter weather forecast provider, Met Desk
- (s. 6.2.1) Additional routes added to snow clearance priorities
- (s. 9.1.2) The proposal for any future winter service budget underspend to be treated as a committed roll forward, so that additional funding is available in the following financial year for the pressures a mild winter places on highway soft landscaping maintenance.

Reason(s) for decision:

KCC is statutorily required to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice. The winter service is essential to aiding the safe movement of highway users and to the local economy.

Each year Highway Operations reviews the Council's Winter Service Policy and the operational plan that supports it in light of changes in national guidance and lessons learnt from the previous winter.

During 2016 this work included:

- Assessing routes to be added to snow routes
- Brine trials for the 2016/17 season
- New method for disseminating the Kent Road Weather forecast making better use of technology

Cabinet Committee recommendations and other consultation:

No Formal consultation is required for this policy however local district plans go to Joint Transportation Board for discussion.

Any alternatives considered:

Any interest declared when the decision was taken and any dispensation granted by the Proper Officer:

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signed

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date