

KENT COUNTY COUNCIL – RECORD OF DECISION

DECISION TAKEN BY:

Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport

DECISION NO:

15/00075

For publication

Key decision*

Affects more than 2 Electoral Divisions

Subject: Title of Decision

Winter Service Policy for 2015/16

Decision:

As Cabinet Member for Environment & Transport, I agree to the following changes to the Winter Service Policy:

- (a) weather forecast contract procurement process to award a five year contract to the successful Company;
- (b) Farmers contracts will be procured for the next ten years; and
- (c) Liquid de-icer products to be used on selected bridges around the county.

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 2015/16 this work focused on

- assessing areas of Appendix H to implement this coming winter (guidance relating to salt usage and alternative products that can be used to de-ice carriageways and footways)
- the procurement of the weather forecast contract ; and
- the procurement of the farmers contract for snow ploughing

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.

The proposed changes and underlying rationale were discussed at the Environment and Transport Cabinet Committee on 16 September and Members resolved to endorse the changes.

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

None

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signed



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date

28th September 2015