

REPORT BACK FROM TRANSPORTATION AND SAFER AND STRONGER COMMUNITIES SELECT COMMITTEES ON MOTION REFERRED

1. At their joint meeting on 28 April 2010 the Transportation and Safer and Stronger Communities Select Committees considered a motion referred to them by the Council on 23 March 2010.

Original Motion Referred to Select Committees:

This Council resolves that before 1 October 2010:

- (1) all County Council grit bins that are damaged or have been removed are replaced;
- (2) all requests for new grit bins are fully investigated and, where the investigation shows that new bins are necessary, are installed; and
- (3) all County Council grit bins are filled with salt or grit;

in order to ensure that the Council is prepared to cope with ice and snow next winter.'

Discussion at the meeting on 28 April 2010:

2. The majority of Members agreed with the direction of the motion and gave support for the provision of more salt bins. There was considerable discussion of salt bins in the committees' report and some Members felt that the principles of the Motion had already been addressed adequately in the report, rendering further discussion unnecessary. These Members suggested a primary issue was to agree a policy on salt bins and ensure this was communicated with all officers, Members and the public. Then the recommendations in the motion could be addressed. Local Committees should be consulted on the requirement for salt bins and their location.
3. However, many Members felt it was unprofessional to have empty salt bins in winter. Six Members voted in favour of the motion and three against. Therefore it was carried.

Decision by the Select Committees:

4. The Committee resolved to endorse the motion to Council.

Recommendation to Council:

5. That the Council endorse the original motion and refer to Cabinet for action.

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Select Committees