

CABINET RESPONSE TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT SELECT COMMITTEE

WINTER SERVICE DEVELOPMENT FOR 2012/13

The Environment and Transport Select Committee recommends:

1. The recommendations of the Winter Performance Task Group and the attached Winter Service Plan 2012/13 be considered for adoption.
2. A response be provided for each recommendation, agreeing actions as appropriate.
3. The Members of the Winter Performance Task Group be thanked for their work.

Response:

I would like to thank the Select Committee for their scrutiny of the Winter Service Report and Plan, and particularly the Task Group who have played a key role in the review of the Winter Service.

In their discussion, the Committee raised two specific issues at their meeting on 19th September, and I would like to confirm the response given by officers at that meeting. The first issue concerned the cost of re-stocking grit bins after the four year period has elapsed. These will be included in the winter service provision in the future, unless the priorities in that area change meaning that a grit bin is no longer required after the initial period.

The second issue concerned the role that Parish Councils can play in the Winter Service, particularly with regard to them erecting signs on roads advising of local problems. This will be considered further following the trial of this approach by Tatsfield Parish Council.

John Furey
Cabinet Member for Transport and Environment
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