

## **ENVIRONMENT AND INFRASTRUCTURE SELECT COMMITTEE**

### **Item under consideration: PROPOSED WINTER SERVICE POLICY CHANGES REQUIRED TO REALISE COST SAVINGS [Item 5]**

**Date Considered: 3 July 2017**

#### **Key points raised during the discussion:**

- It was explained by officers that a winter cost savings report was submitted to the Economic Prosperity, Environment and Highways board in 2016 to consider savings totalling £340,000. This saving could not be achieved in 2016 and members of the Select Committee were now being asked to consider the recommendations put before them.
- An in depth discussion of each of the recommendations was undertaken.
- Members raised concerns around Policy Amendment 1 and the possible safety impacts on residents if there was a bad winter. The Cabinet Member for Highways confirmed that the proposal not to survey or fill any non-member grit bins would be for one year only, from 2017-18.
- A Member of the Select Committee proposed an amendment to the wording of Policy Amendment 1 which was agreed by the Select Committee.
- An amendment was also made to Saving Recommendation 3 so it was clear that any discussions around reassessing lengths of network that did not meet the gritting route criteria would be done in consultation with the Local Committees before any final decisions were made.

#### **Recommendations:**

The Environment & Infrastructure Select Committee endorse the report recommendations, subject to the following amendments to Policy Amendment 1 and Saving Recommendation 3,

- a. Policy Amendment 1 to be amended to read: 'Do not survey any non-member funded grit bins',
- b. Saving Recommendation 3 to be amended to read: 'Reassess lengths of network against the criteria in consultation with Local Committees'.

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