

**Winter Maintenance Policy and Operational Plan 2010 - 2011**

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**1. PURPOSE**

To inform Elected Members of the progress towards provision of a revised Policy and Operational Plan for Winter Maintenance Operations 2010 - 2011

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

Members are asked to take note of the revised schedule for presentation of documents and the amended scope, in light of the current economic conditions and present Service Review process for Financial Year 2011- 2012

**3. DETAILS**

- 3.1 Presentations to the four Area Committees and Operational teams were completed on 30<sup>th</sup> June. Due to the Area Committee programmes, there is now insufficient time to fully revise documentation and present for approval prior to August meetings.
- 3.2 Revised Programme:- Draft Policy & Plan documents – Sept. Business days  
Revised Policy & Plans for approval – Oct. Area Committees  
Council Policy approval - 4<sup>th</sup> Nov. Executive Committee.
- 3.3 The current economic situation and associated Service Review has highlighted a need to consider a radical rethink on the Winter Service provision for future years. This will involve a further review and potential revision of the current pre-treatment network. It is there for considered prudent to curtail any works towards revising route maps and descriptions this year, for potentially only one season.
- 3.4 The present four priority network, as described within section 4 of the current policy, will there for remain in place for the coming winter season. The works carried out on priority 4 “next most important routes” is however relevant and will be included in updated Operational Plan documents.
- 3.5 With the above budgetary constraints in mind, the preservation of de-icing materials, their storage and circumstances when used, still require amendments and clarifications within the Policy and Operational Plan. Works will continue on these items with a view to presenting amendments as programmed above.

#### **4. IMPLICATIONS**

4.1	Policy	Revisions to Policy sections on Service Resilience, Snow Ploughing and Salt Preservation but limited expansion of treatment route details.
4.2	Financial	Operational Revenue budget 2010-2011 = £1.145 M
4.3	Personnel	Current Standby and Management arrangements continue.
4.4	Equalities Impact Assessment	None
4.5	Legal	None

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