

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Environment and Transport
Date:	5 March 2013
Title:	Operation Restore
Reference:	4764
Report From:	Director of Economy, Transport and Environment

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1. The decision:

1.1 That, in response to the severe impact of the winter weather on the road network in Hampshire, the Executive Member for Environment and Transport approves the re-introduction of Operation Restore to run alongside other Highway works in 2013/4, and agrees a reprioritisation of 2013/14 highway maintenance activities and budgets to support an Operation Restore programme.

2. Reasons for the decision:

2.1 The weather has impacted nationally on the road network within the UK. One of the wettest years on record followed by a period of snow and sub-zero temperatures have caused damage to the national road network and the deterioration is evident by the proliferation of potholes and defects on the roads.

2.2 Hampshire has not escaped the effects of the weather and the number of defects on the road system has increased significantly with a corresponding number of enquiries and defect reports from the public.

2.3 This paper proposes an approach to deal with the effects of the winter on the road network and recommends the implementation of an Operation Restore maintenance programme to tackle the immediate damage caused by the winter weather. This programme would run in parallel to Operation Resilience which is the longer term strategy for improving the structural integrity and resilience of the network to adverse weather events.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Do nothing - this option would see the road network continue to suffer from high levels of defects arising from the adverse winter weather, with longer periods of delay in securing permanent repairs.

4. Conflicts of interest:

4.1. Conflicts of interest declared by the decision-maker: None.

4.2. Conflicts of interest declared by other Executive Members consulted: None.

5. Dispensation granted by the Conduct Advisory Panel: none.

6. Reason(s) for the matter being dealt with if urgent: not applicable.

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:	Date:
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Executive Member for Environment and Transport Councillor M J Kendal	