

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Executive Decision Record**

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date of Decision:	25 January 2010
Decision Title:	Review of Winter Maintenance Arrangements 2009-10
Decision Reference:	1250
Report From:	Director of Environment

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1. The decision:

a) That the Cabinet approves:

- 1.1. provision of up to 4,000 additional grit bins, subject to confirmation of funding, and the promotion of appropriate measures to support local community resilience;
- 1.2. provision of an additional 6,000 tonnes of salt, making the county salt stock holding a total of 18,000 tonnes;
- 1.3. procurement of salt supplies from multiple suppliers, with stock to Hampshire transported by sea;
- 1.4. preparation of detailed plans and project appraisals for additional salt storage facilities in South East Hampshire and at the Micheldever Depot;
- 1.5. initiation of discussions with multi-agency partners and with neighbouring authorities to improve the resilience of salt supplies and reserves and the resilience of critical infrastructure and services to winter weather events;
- 1.6. the contingent emergency temporary provision of a reduced strategic Priority 1 salting network based on the A roads (PX network) as an emergency measure to conserve salt stocks when they reach beyond critical levels (600T), in consultation with the Executive Member for Environment, be agreed. Such provision to operate only until salt stocks are regained to resume treatment of the whole Priority 1 network;
- 1.7. an invitation to the Policy and Resources Select Committee to lead and coordinate a strategic review of the County Council's winter resilience;

1.8. investigation into salting and gritting vehicles that could access narrow roads and town centres; and;

1.9. a progress report on 1.1 to 1.5 and 1.8 above be brought to the July 2010 Cabinet meeting.

2. Reason for the decision:

2.1. To help meet the aim of making Hampshire safer and more secure for all by improving the delivery of the winter maintenance service.

3. Other options considered and rejected:

3.1. Not to make any changes to the Winter Maintenance Policy. This was rejected on the basis that following two winters with exceptional circumstances it would be irresponsible not to adjust the level of service.

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 Standards Committee: none.

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

7. Statement from the Decision Maker:

Approved by:

Date:

25 January 2010

**Chairman of the Cabinet
Councillor T K Thornber CBE**