

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

Decision Report

Decision Maker:	Cabinet
Date:	27 September 2010
Title:	Final Report of the Review of the Severe Winter Weather Experienced in Hampshire in 2009/10 undertaken by the Policy & Resources Select Committee
Reference:	2014
Report From:	Policy & Resources Select Committee

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The attached report provides the findings and recommendations of the Review of the Severe Winter Weather Experienced in Hampshire in 2009/10 undertaken by the Policy & Resources Select Committee.

2. Contextual information

2.1. Cabinet extended an invitation to the Policy & Resources Select Committee at the 25 January 2010 Cabinet meeting to review the response to the severe winter, seeking any areas for improvement. The Select Committee agreed this topic was worthy of review and set up a Review Panel to consider the issue. The Panel have considered written and oral evidence from relevant stakeholders. The Panel found that generally Hampshire responded well to the severe weather and key services were maintained. However, this winter was extreme, and plans that work well when there is less snow and ice were tested. Should such conditions reoccur, the panel have identified steps that could be taken, with our public sector partners, to improve our readiness to react to severe winter weather.

3. Recommendation(s)

3.1. The recommendations resulting from this review can be found starting on page 4 of the attached report. The findings section (pages 10 to 27) provides the context and evidence that led the review panel to these conclusions.

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Review of Winter Arrangements 2009-10	1250	25 January 2010
Update regarding Scrutiny Review of Severe Winter Weather experienced in Hampshire in 2009/10	1922	26 July 2010
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

DocumentLocation

None

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

- 1.1. The recommendations support provision of services to all, and will support service providers to ensure services are available to all those who need them during severe winter weather.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

- 2.1. No impact anticipated.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

Using 4x4 vehicles contributes to our carbon footprint. However the recommendations encourage making use of existing 4x4 capacity as much as possible, including sharing across public sector agencies and utilising those owned by members of the public through the organisation 4x4 response. Therefore while this would support retaining our current 4x4 capacity, it would not necessitate increasing the number of 4x4 vehicles we maintain within our fleet.

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?

Climate change may result in more frequent extreme weather. Therefore this review supports adaptation to climate change and resilience, as it considers mechanisms the County Council could develop to better respond to severe winter weather in future.