

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

EXECUTIVE FUNCTIONS DECISION RECORD

The following decisions were taken on Friday 29 August 2014 by the Cabinet Highways Committee.

Date notified to all members: Tuesday 2 September 2014

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Monday 8 September 2014

The decision can be implemented from Tuesday 9 September 2014

Item No

8. STREETS AHEAD - CHANGES TO THE WINTER MAINTENANCE SERVICE

8.1 The Executive Director, Place submitted a report seeking approval to change the way in which the winter service is delivered across the City under the Streets Ahead contract following a recently undertaken review.

8.2 **RESOLVED:** That Cabinet Highways Committee agrees to:-

- (a) retain the Winter Service Priority 1 gritting routes as previously established and any future changes would be due to changes in the status of particular roads in the City;
- (b) the criteria for Priority 2 gritting routes as being:
 - (i) The road forms part of a SYPTTE bus route; or
 - (ii) The road has a main entrance to a School, Doctor's Surgery, Pharmacy, Care Home, Residential Children's Home or other critical public facilities; or
 - (iii) The road carries over 3000 cars per day and has a significant gradient (in excess of 10% (i.e. 1:10)); or
 - (iv) The road constitutes a Western access route for traffic travelling to Manchester Road avoiding causing congestion to other arterial routes;
- (c) The criteria for Priority 2 gritting routes being applied to the City's road network to establish a new Priority 2 gritting network;
- (d) the precautionary gritting routes are regularly reviewed by officers against the approved criteria as there will certainly be further changes in the future for example as bus routes are updated;
- (e) the criteria for grit bin locations as being:

Assessment	1 point for each criteria met
Grit bin is situated:	
On a road that has a drainage problem	

On a road that has a steep gradient of 1 in 10 (10%)	
On a bad bend that has a radius of less than 50 metres	
On a junction	
On a road that has a main entrance to sheltered housing	
On a road that has a main entrance to a school	
In an isolated area	
Near traffic signals (within 20m)	
Near a roundabout (within 20m)	

- (f) the application of the criteria to the City's grit bin locations using a minimum score of 1 for the retention of a grit bin. Grit bins having a score of 0 will be removed

It should be noted that the proposal also stated that regardless of the score achieved:

- If a road is included in the Priority 1 or Priority 2 precautionary gritting routes then that location is unlikely to be considered for a grit bin; and
- If the potential grit bin location is within 200 metres of an existing grit bin, that location will not be considered for another grit bin;

- (g) the application of the grit bin criteria for future additional grit bin requests using a threshold of a minimum of 2 points and only if future reviews of grit bin usage identifies grit bins that are not used elsewhere for relocation; and

- (h) the snow warden scheme be continued without seeking future recruits.

8.3 Reasons for Decision

8.3.1 The recommended changes will introduce clear justifiable criteria for the provision of the winter service including precautionary gritting and grit bins and deliver contract savings to aid the Council to meet its budget as approved by Full Council in March 2014.

8.3.2 The refinements made to the proposed precautionary gritting routes following the analysis of the consultation feedback ensure that the Council is complying with its legal obligations.

8.3.3 The implementation of the proposed changes will realise a project saving of approximately £100,000 per annum which will contribute to the Council's budget savings throughout the life of the Streets Ahead project.

The City will still have a significant, robust and effective winter service.

8.4 Alternatives Considered and Rejected

8.4.1 Details of the alternative options for changing the winter service are outlined in Appendix L to the report. It should be noted that other additional savings ideas are also being pursued within the Streets Ahead contract.

8.5 **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

8.6 **Reason for Exemption if Public/Press Excluded During Consideration**

None

8.7 **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Simon Green, Executive Director, Place

8.8 **Relevant Scrutiny and Policy Development Committee If Decision Called In**

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