APPENDIX L

ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED

Option	Issues	Decision
Reduce the length of the Priority 1 gritting routes	Priority 1 routes keep the City moving as they represent the main strategic road network. Not gritting these roads would cause significant negative economic damage to the City.	Option rejected
Stop precautionary gritting on all Priority 2 routes	Priority 2 routes include many bus routes and roads to key services such as schools, doctor's surgeries, pharmacies and care homes. Completely stopping this service would have a severe impact on the economy and well-being of the City.	Option rejected
Restrict snow clearing service to priority routes only	Snow clearing is carried out in priority order and the service does not move from the priority routes until they are clear and will remain clear. After then, snow clearance is carried out on all other streets. The clearance of snow on all other streets enables people to travel more easily following heavy snowfall. It also supports other Council services such as waste collection, which would be severely restricted without the service.	Option rejected
Remove all/significant numbers of grit bins – to protect funding for precautionary gritting routes	The grit bins offer a service on roads where we do not precautionary grit. To remove all grit bins would disproportionately affect particular areas. We are reviewing the criteria for grit bin provision so we provide grit bins in the most appropriate locations that meet priority needs.	Option rejected
Review Priority 2 routes and the provision of grit bins against reasonable criteria, based on national guidance	**We believe that once a set of reasonable criteria is established and then applied, the resulting road network would form an appropriate Priority 2 gritting network. This will support the Priority 1 network and together they will allow most people reasonable access from their homes to a gritted road. This represents the preferred option. By combining the review of the Priority 2 routes with the provision of grit bins we are able to match the two services so if, for example, a road is removed from the gritting routes we can provide grit bins or if a route is added use the grit bins elsewhere**	**Preferred option**