

## **Parish Liaison Briefing Note**

### **Winter Maintenance Review**

Parish and Town Councils were key stakeholders participating in the review. At the last Parish Liaison meeting the interim findings of the review was reported in the form of a briefing note. The progress with the review was also reported to the Council's Safer and Stronger Communities Overview and Scrutiny Panel which met on 18<sup>th</sup> November 2010.

The review has focussed on the following key issues identified by staff and stakeholders.

- ❖ Requests for more grit bins.
- ❖ Requests for additional roads to be salted
- ❖ Requests for guidance/advise on self help and snow clearance
- ❖ Managing the salt stock
- ❖ Re-deployment of staff from other services
- ❖ Supporting Emergency Services, hospitals and education
- ❖ Drivers working hours restrictions
- ❖ Communication and information
- ❖ Use of local farmers
- ❖ Winter Maintenance Manual

By the time of the Parish Liaison on 16<sup>th</sup> February all Parish and Town Councils should be in receipt of the officer's report detailing the outcome of the review.

The Council agreed to also publish a leaflet on self help giving guidance to residents and local communities on appropriate actions to assist with snow clearing etc. This leaflet is currently being printed and will be distributed as soon as it is available.

The leaflet will also be available in an electronic form on the Council's website and in the Council's reception areas. One stop shops.

Many residents, parishes and Town Councils have identified new issues since the review and have reported these to the Authority. Officers request Parish and Town Councils continue to report issues and concerns regarding Winter Maintenance operations through Council Connect in order that these can be considered.

The Council's policy on Winter Maintenance will be considered by the Council's Safer and Stronger Communities O&S Panel meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> March 2011.

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