



Cyngor Castell-nedd Port Talbot
Neath Port Talbot Council

NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL

Streetscene and Engineering Cabinet Board

20th September 2019

Report of the Head of Streetcare – Mike Roberts

Matter for Information

Wards Affected: All Wards

WINTER SERVICE OPERATIONS

Purpose of Report

To provide an update as requested by Members on the preparation that is on-going to ensure the successful delivery of winter service operations in readiness for the 2019-20 winter season.

Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the preparation that is currently being undertaken to ensure another successful year of winter maintenance activities across the Borough for the approaching winter season.

Background

Each summer, preparation begins for the upcoming winter period. This includes:

- Debriefing operatives on issues that arose last season,

- Identifying and training operatives,
- Restocking and rotation of salt stocks,
- Restocking grit bins,
- Reviewing and addressing issues from the previous winter period,
- Reviewing the winter service operational plan,
- Reviewing the precautionary salting routes,
- Servicing and calibrating the gritting vehicles,
- Undertaking necessary maintenance of the salt barn,
- Producing an on-call rota.
- Office staff and operator training
- Checking of moisture and spreader testing etc. against any new regulations
- Reviewing of Risk Assessments.

The above preparations have begun for the coming season and everything is on track to be in place.

2200 tonne of grit has been delivered, to ensure the Council is stocked to maximum capacity of 7500 tonne of rock salt. Prior to the restocking all existing stock was rotated to ensure older rock salt is used first.

The gritting fleet has been serviced and calibrated.

Financial Impacts

There are no financial impacts associated with the recommendations of this report

Integrated Impact Assessment

There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

Valleys Communities Impacts

During the winter season there are normally more gritting runs on the higher routes in the valleys, as the road temperatures more often fall below freezing.

Workforce Impact

There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

Legal Impact

There are no legal impacts associated with this report.

Risk Management

Winter preparedness is part of ensuring the Council delivers on its adopted Winter Maintenance Plan.

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