

EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

- 1 Extreme weather is defined as being either
when snow is lying on the ground which is a minimum of 50 mm deep and the weather forecast is for severe conditions to last for more than 3 days
or
a prolonged cold spell is forecast, where temperatures remain below freezing for at least 5 days.

- 2 In the event of extreme weather the Winter Maintenance Group (WMG) will be convened by the Director or Assistant Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods. The group will comprise representatives from
Adults, Children & Education
Housing
Emergency Planning
Highway Maintenance
Marketing and Communications
Network Management
York Customer Centre
IT & T
and will be chaired by the Director or Assistant Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods, or the Chief Executive.

- 3 A confidential list of names and contact details for members of the WMG is held by the Director and Assistant Director of Communities and Neighbourhoods. It is the responsibility of the individual departments concerned to ensure that this list is kept up to date.

- 4 During the extreme weather, all road and footpath treatments carried out by City of York Council (both on and off the public highway) will be coordinated by the WMG.

- 5 All operations instructed by the WMG will be dependant on resources of labour, plant and materials available, including the availability of salt.

- 6 The WMG will instruct the treatment of secondary routes and footpaths. The secondary route network is shown in Annex ?. The secondary footpaths will be defined by the WMG in accordance with prevailing conditions. Priority for secondary footpath treatment will be given to elderly persons' homes, local shopping areas and schools, as listed in Section 10. The criteria for secondary footpath treatment will depend on the layout and use of each individual location.

- 7 The WMG will instruct the placement of temporary salt bags in the locations shown in Annex ?.

- 8 The WMG will consider treatment of surface level car parks subject to the availability of resources.
- 9 Daily updates will be placed on the website and emailed to all councillors throughout the period the WMG meets.