

TO: SWALE JOINT TRANSPORTATION BOARD
DATE: 12th December 2011
SUBJECT: Swale Winter Service Plan
BY: Director of Highways, Kent County Council
Classification: Unrestricted

Summary: Kent County Council- Highways and Transportation (KCC H&T) prepares an annual policy and plan which are used to determine actions that will be taken to manage its winter service operations. On 27 September 2011 the Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview Committee supported the Winter Service Policy Statement and Plan for 2011/12. Additionally local district based plans have been produced as detailed below.

Decision Required: For Information

Introduction

1. Kent County Council- Highways and Transportation (KCC H&T) prepares an annual policy and plan which are used to determine actions that will be taken to manage its winter service operations. On 27 September 2011 the Environment, Highways and Waste Policy Overview Committee supported the Winter Service Policy Statement and Plan for 2011/12. Additionally local district based plans have been produced as detailed below

District based winter service plans

2. Following successful work last year with district councils arrangements have again been put in place this year whereby labour from district councils can be used during snow days. Additionally KCC H&T will supply a small quantity of a salt/sand mixture to district councils to use on the highway network. The details are contained in the plan attached at Appendix 1. This plan enhances the work that KCC H&T will continue to do in providing a countywide winter service. The local plan comes into effect when a snow emergency is declared that affects your area.

Pavement clearance

3. Areas for clearing pavements have been identified in the district plans. These are the areas where local knowledge has indicated that people are concerned and would most like to be kept clear when there is snow and ice.

Conclusion

4. Working in partnership with the district councils will enable KCC H&T to provide an effective winter service across the county.

Decision Required

To note the report for information.

Background documents:
Annex 1- Swale Local Winter Service

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