

## **Internal Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Friday, 21 September 2018

Electoral Division affected:  
(All Divisions);

### **Report of the Grit Bins and Non-Priority Routes Task and Finish Group** (Appendix 'A' refers)

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#### **Executive Summary**

Provided at Appendix 'A' is the report of the Grit bins and non-priority routes task and finish group.

#### **Recommendation**

The Internal Scrutiny Committee is asked to:

1. Support the recommendations of the task and finish group, as set out in the report at Appendix A;
2. Consider the appropriate mechanism for reviewing the responses to the task and finish group's recommendations.

#### **Background and Advice**

At its meeting on the 17 November 2017, the Internal Scrutiny Committee received a report on the county council's winter gritting service. In considering the report it was agreed that a task and finish group be established to review:

- the amount of grit bins currently in place;
- grit bin locations; and
- the criteria used to agree grit bin placement.

#### **Membership of the task and finish group**

The following county councillors were appointed to the task and finish group:

- County Councillor Joe Cooney (chair)
- County Councillor Steven Holgate
- County Councillor Hasina Khan
- County Councillor Jenny Purcell
- County Councillor Cosima Towneley
- County Councillor David Whipp
- County Councillor Barrie Yates

## **Scope of the scrutiny review**

The focus of the task and finish group was to:

- Review the location and condition of grit bins across the county; and
- Make recommendations on expanding the pool of volunteers to assist with the performance of gritting secondary routes.

The task and finish group's report is set at Appendix 'A'.

## **Consultations**

N/A

## **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Legal**

Whilst the provision of grit bins is not a duty, the specific power to do so is found in S185 Highways Act 1980. Being the provision of storage bins for sand or grit or other materials in such positions as the highway authority may determine

Recommendations are made for further consideration to be given to issues and this would need to include a full assessment of the legal and financial risk and implications.

## **Risk management**

This report has no significant risk implications.

## **Local Government (Access to Information) Act 1985**

### **List of Background Papers**

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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A