

Meeting of the Full Council - 14 December 2017

Report on the Internal Scrutiny Committee meeting held on 17 November 2017

Chair: County Councillor John Shedwick

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Transport Asset Management Plan

A workshop took place on 25 September 2017 which gave an overview of the Transport Asset Management Plan (TAMP) and gave elected members the opportunity to consider the approach and discuss any local issues. Officers recorded a number of questions to which the responses were reported to the Committee by way of a presentation.

Resolved: That the report and progress on delivery of the TAMP be noted.

Winter Gritting Service

The report presented explained that the County Council aimed to provide a winter gritting service which, as far as is reasonably practicable, would ensure that safe passage along a highway was not endangered by snow or ice. The service was one of practicability, concentrated efforts on priority roads and sought to keep to a minimum delays and incidents in which ice or snow was a contributory factor.

Resolved: That;

- i. The preparations that are in place for the Winter Gritting Service 2017/18 be reviewed and scrutinised.
- ii. The requirements to implement revised guidance for treatment when ice/hoar frost/snow is forecast be noted.
- iii. The Implementation Navtrak guidance software to all gritters be noted.
- iv. The requirement for the installation of a weighbridge at Singleton depot over the forthcoming season be noted.
- v. The requirement for the replacement of the weather stations be noted.
- vi. A task group be established in spring 2018 to review placement and the criteria used for placement of grit bins across Lancashire.

Vehicular Highway Verges – Grass Cutting and Weed Control

The report presented stated that the Lancashire County Council Highway Maintenance Plan (HMP) provided a comprehensive Code of Practice in the

form of guidance and operational standards for the maintenance and related management of the publicly maintainable highway infrastructure network. The County Council, as the authority responsible for highways, has a legal duty to maintain the fabric of the publically maintainable highways and this includes managing the grass and weeds growing in verge areas within vehicular highway widths.

Resolved: That;

- i. The arrangements that are in place for highway verges - grass cutting and weed control be reviewed and scrutinised.
- ii. The additional funding for 2017/18 and the additional work to be undertaken be noted.
- iii. The additional funding for 2018/19 and the following two years and how that will be allocated to grass cutting and weed control be noted.
- iv. The developments regarding future weed control be noted.
- v. A report be presented to a future meeting of the Committee detailing impact of the additional funding outlined in the report.