

## **Internal Scrutiny Committee**

Meeting to be held on Friday, 12 July 2019

Electoral Division affected: (All Divisions);
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### **Impact of the Reduction of Winter Maintenance Trigger Levels from 1.0 to 0.5 Degree Celsius for the 18/19 Season**

(Appendices 'A' & 'B' refer)

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#### **Executive Summary**

The report sets out the results of the Cabinet approval last year to reduce the road surface temperature at which gritting is instructed on the highway network in Lancashire.

The overview, impact and results of the change is attached at Appendix 'A'. The end of season report from Lancashire County Council's forecast provider is attached at Appendix 'B' for information.

This is deemed to be a Key Decision and the provisions of Standing Order C19 have been complied with.

#### **Recommendation**

That scrutiny committee considers the report as set out in the appendices and recommends continuing winter service provision with an intervention level of +0.5C

#### **Background and Advice**

A scrutiny task and finish group considered this proposal at its meeting 26 July 2018 and requested that a report be prepared for Internal Scrutiny Committee in Spring 2019 to review the impact of its implementation.

#### **Consultations**

Internal Scrutiny Committee in spring 2019 to review the impact of the implementation of lowering the intervention level for winter maintenance.

#### **Implications:**

This item has the following implications, as indicated:

## **Risk management**

The main risk generally relates to litigation and reputation by lowering the intervention level, although the risk of litigation generally results from the county council not following their agreed policies and procedures.

## **Financial**

The report presented to Cabinet in August 2018 forecast a saving of c£110,000 per annum as a result of the amendment made to the winter service plan. The evidence presented in this reports shows that a saving of £82,000 has been achieved. The impact will be included as part of the money matters reports for quarter 1 that will be presented to Cabinet in September.

## **Legal**

The county council has a duty under S41(1A) of Highways Act to ensure, so far as is reasonably practicable, that safe passage along a highway is not endangered by snow or ice. Careful consideration is required to be satisfied that this duty is still being fulfilled.

## **List of Background Papers**

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
Appendix A - Treatment Intervention Reduction Scrutiny Update	01/07/2019	Harvey Danson 01772 538182
Appendix B - MetDesk End of Season Report for Lancashire CC 2018-19	01/07/2019	Harvey Danson 01772 538182

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

N/A