

WINTER MAINTENANCE PREPAREDNESS – 2011/12

Network Coverage

45% of the network currently covered
Snow routes in place
Remaining network covered by contractor provision

Allocation of Responsibility

Highways Ops / Strategic Highways / Direct Services
See schedule
CRM – Meetings have been held with CRM team to ensure systems are in place for dealing with service requests
See schedule

Financial Control

Winter Maintenance budget for 2011/12 £2.96m
Financial Control by key players in place, HO / SH / SS

Staff

70 No frontline drivers
7 No Winter Maintenance Managers
2 No Winter Shadow Managers

Training

All frontline drivers VQ Winter Maintenance trained
All drivers VQ Refresher
All drivers route familiarisation
Winter Maintenance Managers / Shadow Managers Vaisala Refresher Training

Plant and Equipment

44 No frontline power gritters with ploughs
60 No contractors with tractor trailers / ploughs / trailer gritters as appropriate
See Schedule
Extensive fleet of loading shovels / Jcbs
Refuse routes - allocated 8 tractor ploughs/shovels from existing farmer/contractor schedule and up to a further 9 from new intake
£100k allocated to procure new plant / ploughs to meet the needs of increased service
60 No Footpath Salt Spreaders (Streetscene)
7 No Kabota tractors with ploughs and spinners (Streetscene)

Salt Bins / Heaps

Salt bins 2000 countywide
Salt bin criteria amended to reflect community use and for footways
Dumpy bag trial to be implemented this year
Additional 200 bins available for additional requirement (as requested)
4 No vehicles – 2 No hiab grabs, 2 No bespoke vehicles with salt bin / heap provision

Salt Stocks

Current salt stocks of 46,000 (increase of 6000)

Improved monitoring regime of salt stocks (incl Streetscene)

Regional monitoring and cooperation - mutual aid

Additional Support

Town and Parish Councils in partnership (increase of 3) Extend Volunteer group at East Durham Trust (others possibly in pipeline) Pilot of bag of salt and snow scoop in Durham (David Stoker)

Communication / PR

Regional Comms agreed with 12 NE Authorities

Leaflet distribution – Distribution carried out by DCC staff to selected locations (£5k)