

EX35. Winter Service Plan – Adopted Roads and Footways

The Executive considered a report by the Director of Development Services providing updates to the Winter Service Plan for adopted roads and footways which took into account network resilience including the treatment of facilities for road users, public transport users, walkers and cyclists, emergency services, key public services, and other local circumstances.

As Roads Authority the Council was obliged under Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984, to take such steps as it considered reasonable to prevent snow and ice endangering the safe passage of vehicles and pedestrian traffic throughout the Council maintained road and footway network. The national code of practice recommended by the Department for Transport was the Code of Practice for Well Managed Highway Infrastructure.

In line with the statutory duty, carriageway and footway treatment routes had been reviewed to take account of the importance of traffic routes, with Priority 1 routes concentrating on the resilience of the overall network and elements of strategic, main and secondary distributor roads for carriageways, and prestige, primary and secondary routes for footways. A copy of the draft Winter Service Plan was provided as an appendix to the report.

Decision

The Executive approved and adopted a risk based approach to the winter treatment of carriageways and footways,.

The Executive agreed:-

- (1) the Winter Service Plan, and**
- (2) to adopt a risk based approach to the winter treatment of carriageways and footways in line with the guidance provided in the Code of Practice for Well Managed Highway Infrastructure, and the statutory duty, as detailed in appendix a to the report.**