

# REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEM



	<b>Title of Work Programme Item</b>	Review of Winter Maintenance Preparation: Gritting rounds and salt bins
2	<b>Responsible Director (s)</b>	Anthony Payne : Director for Development & Regeneration
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4	<b>Relevant Cabinet Member(s)</b>	Cabinet Member for Transport
5	<b>Objectives</b>	Scrutiny members will gain a better understanding of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The highway network and class of routes</li> <li>• Resources</li> <li>• Current locations/ routes ( including non HMPE land)</li> <li>• Current assessment criteria</li> <li>• Comparison with other unitary authorities</li> <li>• Industry standards</li> </ul>
6	<b>Who will benefit?</b>	The review will benefit the Council and Plymouth residents by reviewing current practice and value for money
7	<b>Criteria for Choosing Topics (see table at end of document)</b>	A high level of public interest, due to the icy conditions during the last two winters. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Issues consistently identified by Members as key through constituency activity</li> <li>• Public interest issue covered in local media</li> </ul>
8	<b>What will happen if we don't do this review?</b>	The current Winter Maintenance Preparation programme will continue as normal.

<b>9</b>	<b>What are we going to do?</b>	<p>The scrutiny will review the current locations and arrangements for the gritting of the road network and pavements across the city and consider the assessment criteria to seek a fit for purpose winter maintenance programme.</p> <p>Overview of current provision including all non HMPE salt bins;  Overview of current routes gritted;  Review of current assessment criteria;  Obtaining and understanding local and national comparators and Industry standard;  Consideration of value for money;</p>
<b>10</b>	<b>How are we going to do it? (witnesses, site visits, background information etc.)</b>	Site visits, officer presentations, background information
<b>11</b>	<b>What we won't do.</b>	The scrutiny will exclude any activity that does not fall within the criteria of winter maintenance preparation.
<b>12</b>	<b>Timetable &amp; Key Dates</b>	August/September 2011
<b>13</b>	<b>Links to other projects or initiatives / plans</b>	n/a
<b>14</b>	<b>Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group (to be decided by OSP before submission to OMB)</b>	Growth and Prosperity Overview & Scrutiny Panel
<b>15</b>	<b>Where will the report go? Who will make the final decision</b>	To the scheduled meeting dates of the panel, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Cabinet /Council
<b>16</b>	<b>Resources (staffing, research, experts, sites visits and so on)</b>	Plymouth City Council staff resources Amey staff resources
<b>17</b>	<b>Is this part of a statutory responsibility on the panel?</b>	No
<b>18</b>	<b>Should any other panel be involved in this review? If so who and why?</b>	N/A
<b>19</b>	<b>Will the task and finish group benefit from co-opting any person(s) onto the panel.</b>	No
<b>20</b>	<b>How does this link to corporate priorities?</b>	Delivering Growth, Value for Communities.

(Items would be expected to meet at least two of the following criteria)

- Corporate priority area
- Poor performing service (evidence from PIs, benchmarking or where high levels of dissatisfaction from customers are recorded)
- High budgetary commitment
- Pattern of not reaching budget targets
- Issue raised by external audit, management letter, inspection report
- New government guidance or legislation
- Issue consistently identified by Members as key through constituency activity
- Public interest issue covered in local media