

REQUEST FOR SCRUTINY WORK PROGRAMME ITEM



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

9	What are we going to do?	<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>
10	How are we going to do it? (witnesses, site visits, background information etc.)	Site visits, officer presentations, background information
11	What we won't do.	The scrutiny will exclude any activity that does not fall within the criteria of winter maintenance preparation.
12	Timetable & Key Dates	August/September 2011
13	Links to other projects or initiatives / plans	n/a
14	Relevant Overview and Scrutiny Panel / Membership if Task and Finish Group (to be decided by OSP before submission to OMB)	Growth and Prosperity Overview & Scrutiny Panel
15	Where will the report go? Who will make the final decision	To the scheduled meeting dates of the panel, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board and Cabinet /Council
16	Resources (staffing, research, experts, sites visits and so on)	Plymouth City Council staff resources Amey staff resources
17	Is this part of a statutory responsibility on the panel?	No
18	Should any other panel be involved in this review? If so who and why?	N/A
19	Will the task and finish group benefit from co-opting any person(s) onto the panel.	No
20	How does this link to corporate priorities?	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