



To be submitted to the Council at its meeting on 16th December 2021

PORTFOLIO HOLDER FOR ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT

4th October 2021 at 10.30 a.m.

Present

Councillor S Swinburn (in the Chair)

Officers in Attendance:

- Keith Thompson (Property Solicitor)
- Holly Hall (Highways Asset Team Manager)
- Mark Nearney (Assistant Director for Housing, Highways and Planning)
- Paul Thorpe (Operations Director – Engie)
- Zoe Campbell (Scrutiny and Committee Advisor)

PH.ETE.21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence for this meeting.

PH.ETE.22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest from the portfolio holder in respect of any items on the agenda for this meeting.

PH.ETE.23 MINUTES

RESOLVED – The minutes of the Portfolio Holder Environment and Transport meeting on the 14th June 2021 and the special meeting on the 13th September 2021 be agreed as a correct record.

PH.ETE.24 HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE REVIEW – HIGHWAY WINTER SERVICE POLICY AND OPERATIONAL PLAN (2021-22)

The portfolio holder considered a report on the annual review of the Council's highway winter service policy and operational plan. The policy and operational plan established the framework for the provision of service to the travelling public on the highway network in North East Lincolnshire during the winter season.

Ms Hall explained that there were a couple of changes to the policy from last year. These were to the precautionary treatment network to include King Edward Street as a key industrial link and an alternative route to access the A180 and the Port of Grimsby if the A16 Victoria Street was closed for any reason. The public had also requested additional grit bins on Cordeaux Drive and Maidwell Way in Grimsby, which were proposed for inclusion due to the steep gradient of the streets.

The portfolio holder queried why there was an increase in the amount of salt used despite milder winters. Ms Hall confirmed that more salt was used when the weather was marginal because there was more margin for error with the road conditions. Mr Thorpe confirmed there was 800 tonnes of salt in stock and another 1500 tonnes on order, which was deemed sufficient.

The portfolio holder asked how the procurement for weather forecasting and ice prediction contracts was progressing. Ms Hall confirmed that the tenders were due back, and the contract would be put in place as soon as possible. She raised the concern about the weather station on the A18 which was out of date and needed to be replaced. Officers were putting together a report for additional funding for the new weather station.

The portfolio holder requested in future reports that the hierarchies of roads were made clear because he felt it gave the impression that some of the roads would not be treated. Ms Hall confirmed that all the roads on the list were treated but in extremely bad weather it meant that category one roads were prioritised with the resources available.

The new super cycle highway being treated was queried by the portfolio holder and Ms Hall reassured him that the cycleway followed a main route and therefore benefitted from overspray from the highways on the cycle path as well.

The portfolio holder requested a list of the roads and pavements which Immingham Town Council were responsible for treating during the winter season because he was concerned that it was only the civic

shopping centre and not the main paths. He felt strongly that Immingham, Habrough and the parishes should receive the same level of treatment because the report only referred to Grimsby and Cleethorpes.

The portfolio holder queried if the rock salt that was used to treat the roads and pavements was environmentally friendly. Mr Thorpe explained that there was an alternative rock salt that was more environmentally friendly but it responded differently and, therefore, the normal supply of rock salt was preferred.

RESOLVED –

1. That the highway winter service policy and operational plan (2021-2022) be approved.
2. That the pavements and roads which Immingham Town Council are responsible for gritting be reported back to the Portfolio Holder.

PH.ETE.25 TRACKING REPORT

The portfolio holder received a report tracking his previous decisions and seeking to agree any items for sign off.

On the petition requesting a motorcycle gate in People's Park, the portfolio holder agreed this was completed and should be removed from the tracking report.

RESOLVED – That the tracking report be updated to reflect the actions agreed.

There being no further business, the portfolio holder closed the meeting at 11.01 a.m.