

DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

**MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – JOBS, ECONOMY AND
TRANSPORT**

30 July 2013

Report of the Acting Strategic Director – Environmental Services

**PETITION – FOUNTAIN STREET, HARTINGTON ROAD AND
EAGLE STREET, BUXTON**

(1) **Purpose of the Report** To bring to the attention of the Cabinet Member the results of investigations relating to the provision of gritting along Fountain Street, Hartington Street and Eagle Street at Buxton, following the receipt of a petition from tenants of Hartington Gardens and Milton Court.

(2) **Information and Analysis** Thirty five tenants and six visitors of Hartington Gardens and Milton Court have signed a petition asking for Fountain Street, Hartington Road and Eagle Street to be added to the precautionary gritting routes.

The streets provide access to the respective premises and are located in close proximity to the Market Place in Buxton and within 100 metres of a secondary gritting route. The streets are typical urbanised routes which are tree lined, have on-street parking bays, prohibited parking zones and provide access to many properties and businesses including those on Hartington Gardens and Milton Court. The highway geometry and topography again is very typical of streets in the Buxton area and there are no unique circumstances that meet the criteria specified in the Winter Service Plan to suggest the streets should be considered for inclusion on the precautionary (primary and secondary) gritting routes.

As a partnering organisation, High Peak Borough Council provides a service for clearing snow and applying rock salt to town centre footways and pedestrian zones, however, this service is limited to town centre routes and will not be practicable to extend this beyond those pre-designated routes.

The criteria specified in the Winter Service Plan are quite detailed and prescriptive, and have been applied consistently across the whole highway network to help identify those routes that are included on the primary and secondary gritting routes, and also the town centre routes undertaken by the

Authority's partnering organisations. Any departure from this should be resisted to avoid setting a precedent.

Local Member Comments

Councillor Tony Kemp has been consulted. No comments have been received.

(3) **Financial Considerations** There are no financial considerations associated with this report.

In preparing this report the relevance of the following factors has been considered: legal, prevention of crime and disorder, equality and diversity, human resources, environmental, health, property and transport considerations.

(4) **Key Decision** No.

(5) **Call-In** Is it required that call-in be waived in respect of the decisions proposed in the report? No.

(6) **Background Papers** Held on file within the Area Management Division of the Environmental Services Department. Officer contact details – Neil Wainwright, extension 38551.

(7) **OFFICER'S RECOMMENDATIONS** That the Cabinet Member:

7.1 Notes the report in respect to the petition asking for Fountain Street, Hartington Road and Eagle Street in Buxton to be added to the precautionary (primary and secondary) gritting routes.

7.2 Endorses the fact that Fountain Street, Hartington and Eagle Street in Buxton are not added to the precautionary (primary and secondary) routes due to the streets failing to meet the requisite criteria.

7.3 Informs the local Member and the petitioners of the decision.

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