

To: Joint Transportation Board – 12 December 2013

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Subject: Dover Local Winter Service Plan

Classification: Information only

Summary: This report outlines the Dover Local Winter Service Plan to provide a local winter service in the event of an operational snow emergency in the district

Introduction

1. KCC H&T prepares an annual Winter Service policy and plan which are used to determine actions that will be taken to manage its winter service operations. This is supported locally by the Dover Local Winter Service Plan

District based winter service plans

2. The Local Winter Service Plan for Dover District is a working document. It will evolve and be revised as necessary throughout the year. The document will be available on the KCC website. This document complements the KCC Winter Service Policy and Plan 2013-14. Following successful work in previous years with Dover District Council, arrangements have again been put in place this year whereby labour from Dover District Council can be used during snow days. Additionally H&T have supplied a quantity of a salt/sand mixture to the district council to use on the highway network. This plan enhances the work that H&T will continue to do in providing a countywide winter service. The local plan comes into effect when a snow operational emergency is declared that affects the district of Dover.

Farmers

3. The work that our contracted farmers have done in recent years is greatly appreciated and has made a big difference in keeping rural areas clear on snow days. Again this year farmers will have predetermined local routes and will use their own tractor and KCC ploughs for clearing snow. The ploughs supplied are serviced by KCC each year. Each farmer will have plans detailing the roads that they are responsible for ploughing. When snow reaches a depth of 50mm on roads in their areas the farmers will commence ploughing notifying KCC as agreed in their contract.

Recommendations

4. Members are asked to note this report .

<p>Background documents: Kent County Council Winter Service Policy and Plan 2013/14</p>

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