

Chief Executive's Budget Proposal

OPTION: Roadside Grit Bins

2015/16	2016/17	TOTAL
£000s	£000s	£000s
55	-	55

SUMMARY OF OPTION

The Council installed 100 roadside grit bins, which were strategically located throughout the borough – to help residents living on hills, and other areas where ice and snow caused more dangerous problems. Following the success of this programme, the Council agreed to install extra bins at residents' request, 198 in total. This option proposes that, while the winter maintenance and gritting routes would remain unaffected, the Council would no longer fill 198 roadside grit bins from the highway. Communities are welcome to continue filling the bins with salt themselves should they wish to.

We will continue to provide precautionary salt spreading to the 10 priority routes, the clearance of ice and snow from these routes and major shopping areas and 100 grit bins which have been installed in accordance with the criteria for the provision of grit bins.

IMPACT ON RESIDENTS

Grit bins are provided at 298 locations. Not having to fill 198 of the grit bins will ensure that resources used for that purpose are available for priority winter services and other highway maintenance activity. Users will need to take care on icy surfaces, and if they choose to, clear snow from the pavement near their homes, if not on a priority salting route.

IMPACT ON PARTNERS

No direct implications.

IMPACT ON COMMUNITY, VOLUNTARY AND FAITH SECTOR

It is possible that those community and voluntary services which support vulnerable residents may face increased demand if those residents choose not to go out themselves.