

**To:** Tonbridge and Malling District Joint Transportation Board  
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**Summary: This report outlines the arrangements that have been made between Kent County Council and Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council to provide a local winter service in the event of an operational snow alert in the borough**

## **Introduction**

1. Kent County Council Highways & Transportation (KCC H&T) takes its winter service responsibilities very seriously and is proactive as well as reactive to winter weather conditions. Winter service costs KCC in the region of £2m every winter and needs careful management to achieve safety for the travelling public and to be efficient. The Highways Operations teams in H&T work to ensure that the winter service standards and decisions made are consistent across the whole county.

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. The policy will be submitted for consideration to the Environment, Highways and Waste Cabinet Committee on 20<sup>th</sup> September 2012.

## **District based winter service plans**

2. The Local Winter Service Plan for Tonbridge and Malling is a working document. It will evolve and be revised as necessary throughout the year. The document is available on the KCC website through the link below. This document complements the KCC Winter Service Policy and Plan 2012-13. Following successful work in previous year's with district councils, arrangements have again been put in place this year whereby labour from Tonbridge and Malling Borough Council can be used during snow days. Additionally H&T will supply a quantity of a salt/sand mixture to Parish Councils to use on the highway network. The details are contained in the plan under 'Salt bag for Parishes'. 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 alert is declared that affects the district of Tonbridge and Malling.