

AGENDA ITEM: 4

## OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY BOARD

23<sup>rd</sup> SEPTEMBER 2010

### WINTER MAINTENANCE

#### PURPOSE OF THE REPORT

- 1 To present to the Overview and Scrutiny Board an outline of the purpose of this meeting.

#### RECOMMENDATION

2. Members of the Board are recommended to receive detail on the issue of Winter Maintenance from the Social Care and Children Families and Learning.

#### BACKGROUND

3. The Board has determined their Terms of Reference and these are referenced below to assist the Board during this meeting. One of the key issues was to address the planning and policies associated with winter maintenance and this was presented to the Board at their initial meeting. Following this the Board met with representatives from the Town Centre and received valuable information from a retail perspective.
4. The Board had determined that this meeting was to receive detail from both Children Families and Learning and also Social Care. This would be both from a service delivery perspective and from the experiences gained during the last winter. The Board may want to consider examining options, which address and would assist people, especially the elderly.

#### TERMS of REFERENCE

5. The following presents the Boards agreed Terms of Reference,
- To examine the Councils planning/policies in respect of vulnerable people.
  - To assess the Councils policies for the maintenance of side roads/pavements.
  - To look at other agencies, which work across other local authority boundaries and is the Council satisfied with the standard provided.
  - To assess the placement of Grit Bins in neighbourhoods.

### **ADDITIONAL INFORMATION**

6. As requested at the meeting of 8<sup>th</sup> September the link was mailed to all Members of the Board for the Winter Resilience Review Interim Report issued in July 2010. Also a copy of the Council's draft Winter Maintenance Plan 2010/2011 was sent. The Winter Maintenance Plan was subsequently addressed by the Executive Member and any significant changes to the Plan will be brought back to this Board.

### **NEXT MEETING**

7. The Board determined that the next meeting should be 13<sup>th</sup> October 2010 and that invitations to the Highways Authority and also the Fire Authority should be made for representatives to attend this meeting. Both organisations have been contacted and responses to confirm attendances are awaited. Should further information become available this will be presented at the meeting.
8. The Board has determined their lines of enquiry and are requested to identify a time and date for a meeting which would follow the scheduled meeting of 13<sup>th</sup> October and which organisations or representatives they would want to be present.

### **BACKGROUND PAPERS**

9. No background papers were used in the preparation of this report

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