

### **Winter Maintenance Plan 2025/26 noted.**

**3** There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability regarding the Winter Maintenance Plan for the period from November 2025 to April 2026, advising of

- (1) the policy and management procedures for the winter maintenance service;
- (2) the legislative position and that the Council aimed to provide an effective and efficient winter maintenance service within the resources available to allow for the safe passage of pedestrians, wheelers, cyclists and vehicles, to minimise delays due to winter weather and to ensure operations were undertaken safely;
- (3) the arrangements and resources in place for the winter period, including available vehicles and plant, de-icing treatment priorities, arrangements for de-icing materials and grit bins and the communication strategy developed to provide severe weather information;
- (4) the Council's Fleet Strategy 2020-30, that included the commitment to work towards lowering emissions through the introduction of zero emission fleet and cleaner, lower emissions diesel vehicles as well as the use of alternative fuels, the current fleet replacement programme and of the intention to procure 2 permanent mounted gully vehicles; and
- (5) the winter maintenance business continuity, including the potential impact should there be another pandemic, local restrictions or lockdown and of the matters considered when reviewing the Winter Maintenance Plan that would be uploaded to the Council's website.

After consideration, the committee noted

- (a) the report; and
- (b) the updated Winter Maintenance Plan 2025/26.