Item 7

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Glasgow Community Planning Partnership
Canal Area Partnership

Report by Executive Director of Neighbourhoods, Regeneration & Sustainability

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WINTER MAINTENANCE 2023 - 2024

Purpose of Report:

To update the Area Partnership on the winter maintenance policy and how winter maintenance will be undertaken during this forthcoming winter period November 2023 to April 2024.

Recommendations:

The Area Partnership is asked to note the contents of the report.

Introduction and Updates

1. The purpose of this report is to highlight the main updates following the annual review of the policy and management procedures for the Winter Maintenance Service.

   The Winter Maintenance Environment, Liveable Neighbourhoods City Policy Committee Report and Winter Maintenance Plan can be viewed at: https://www.glasgow.gov.uk/councillorsandcommittees/submissiondocuments.asp?submissionid=110582

2. **Winter 2022/23 -** Last year, winter gritting operations commenced on 3 November 2022 and continued until 27 March 2023. 41 footway treatments, 41 cycle way and 44 carriageway were instructed using 7,533 tonnes of rock salt and 5,000 litres of liquid brine. The amount of rock salt used was substantially less than in a severe winter when 24,000 tonnes of rock salt could be used.

3. Last winter, compared to the 30-year average, the mean temperature was 0.2°C higher. Despite the overall mild temperatures there were colder spells in December and March when the Met Office issued yellow weather warnings for snow, freezing rain and black ice conditions. These challenging conditions required repeated de-icing treatment.

4. **Priority 1 Cycle Way Routes/busy commuter routes**
   This winter the following lengths will be added: 1.4km of segregated cycle way on London Rd (London Dr to Baillieston Rd); 300m cycle way at Festival Park (Govan Rd at Pacific Dr to Harvie St) and a designated route through Pollok Country Park.

5. **Grit Bins**
   In addition to the gritting service and to promote ‘self-help’, 1611 grit bins will be sited in the city at the commencement of the winter season to allow members of the public to grit in areas out with the priority gritting routes. These grit bins will be filled with untreated rock salt prior to the start of winter. Grit bin locations can be viewed online via the Winter Gritting Story Map which can also be used to request a refill. QR codes on grit bins will allow residents to request a refill of request that a damaged grit bin is replaced.

Summary of the Winter Maintenance Plan

The Winter Maintenance Plan 2023-24 takes account of the following areas –

- Elected member feedback.
- Additional lengths added to Priority 1 Cycle Ways.
- Replacement programme for small size mechanised plant and mounted gritters/brine tanks.
- Transport Scotland have provided £30K Direct Resource Grant that will be used for stand-by to allow for the commencement of active travel de-icing from 5am.
- QR codes on grits bins to assist members of the public to request a refill or to replace a damaged grit bin.
- Winter Maintenance Business Continuity – Covid 19.

Recommendations

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