

Report Statement

Report Purpose:

11. Gritting

Author:

Town Clerk

Background:

The Cheshire East Winter gritting route has changed and unfortunately there are several roads in Macclesfield that will now no longer be gritted. Town Councillors are working hard to get roads included once again when there is a review in March 2022 and would encourage all residents to ensure they have their say.

This year the Councillors have looked to see if the Town Council can provide a solution.

The following roads have been identified as the most in need of gritting:

- Whirley Rd
- Blakelow Rd
- Windmill Street
- Part of Byrons Lane, Gunco Lane and Part of Black Rd

This would cost approx. £243 per visit.

The gritting would be triggered when temperatures fall below -1degree.

It is difficult to give an exact amount of visits as it depends on the temperature, however for example looking at the average temperature over the years for Blakelow Rd there would be an average of 25 – 30 visits. The total for 40 visits which is where we would cap the budget would be £9740.

3 quotes have been sought and permission will be secured in writing from Cheshire East Highways along with insurance from the chosen supplier.

Proposal

- To consider approving £9740 to pay for the gritting this winter.
- To write to CEC to ask for the routes above to be added to the winter gritting route next year and oncoming years.
- To encourage residents to have their say.