

Item referred from Full Council

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1. Precautionary salting network

1.1 The following item has been referred from the Full Council meeting on 20 February as it relates to functions under the remit of the Leader and Cabinet.

1.2 This item was proposed by Cllr Mike Rigby and seconded by Cllr John Hunt:

That the Cabinet:

1. Acknowledge that the damage caused to the Somerset economy during recent snow events has been exacerbated by last year's reduction in the extent of the precautionary salting network;
2. Acknowledge that the reduction in the extent of the precautionary salting network has been counter-productive, costing the wider public purse more than it saved Somerset County Council;
3. Acknowledge that unnecessary stress has been placed on the emergency services, having to attend RTCs that are unlikely to have occurred had the precautionary salting network not been reduced last year;
4. Reinstate the part of the precautionary salting network that was lost in last year's reduction programme.