

Winter Services Review Focus Group

Information Pack

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Focus Groups on Winter Services on the road network in Angus

- Through these Focus Groups we want to hear your views and encourage discussion with you on winter road issues and how we might be able to tackle them. This will help the council's Road Safety working group's review of Winter Services.

Focus Groups on Winter Services on the road network in Angus

- The information in these slides will support discussion. Please be aware – the slides do not represent any findings or final views of the council's Road Safety working group. They will be formed later as part of this overall process.

Focus Groups on Winter Services on the road network in Angus

- The council's Road Safety working group's findings will be published in a report to Angus Council's Communities Committee.
- Please do not share these slides without the permission of the Angus Council.

Legal Duty of the Council

- Angus Council have a Statutory duty (Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984) to take such steps as it considers reasonable **to prevent snow and ice endangering the safe passage over public roads of:**
 - **Pedestrians; and**
 - **Vehicles.**

Winter Services Policy

- The council operates a system of winter maintenance that gives **priority to the more important and heavily trafficked sections of the public road network (both carriageways and footways)**, which is formally approved on an annual basis by committee and accords with the “Well Managed Highway Infrastructure – A Code of Practice”.

Winter Services Budget & Delivery

- The winter services budget for roads in Angus for 2021/22 is **£2.7million**.
- The vast majority is paid to **Tayside Contracts** who deliver most of our winter services.
- We also pay **local farmers** to provide some treatment and clearance activities.

Emerging Key Issues

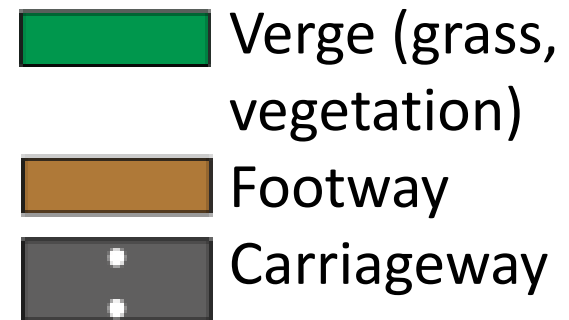
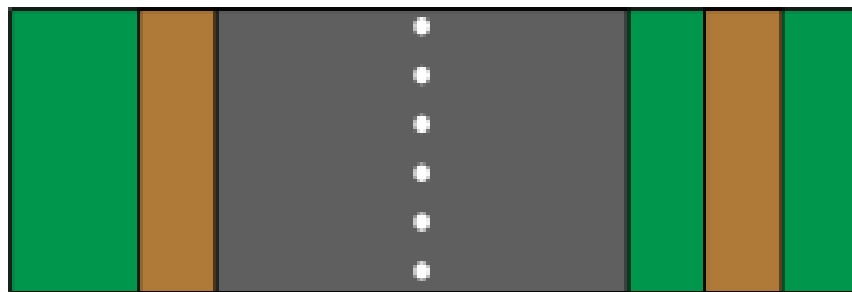
- The purpose of these Focus Groups is to review the winter service provided by Angus Council to take account of **community involvement** and **sustainable travel hierarchy** (see image below) during winter.
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Emerging Key Issues

- The review will look at how the **existing budget allocation** is spent.
- The review will look to make the **language and terminology** we use for winter services easy to understand.

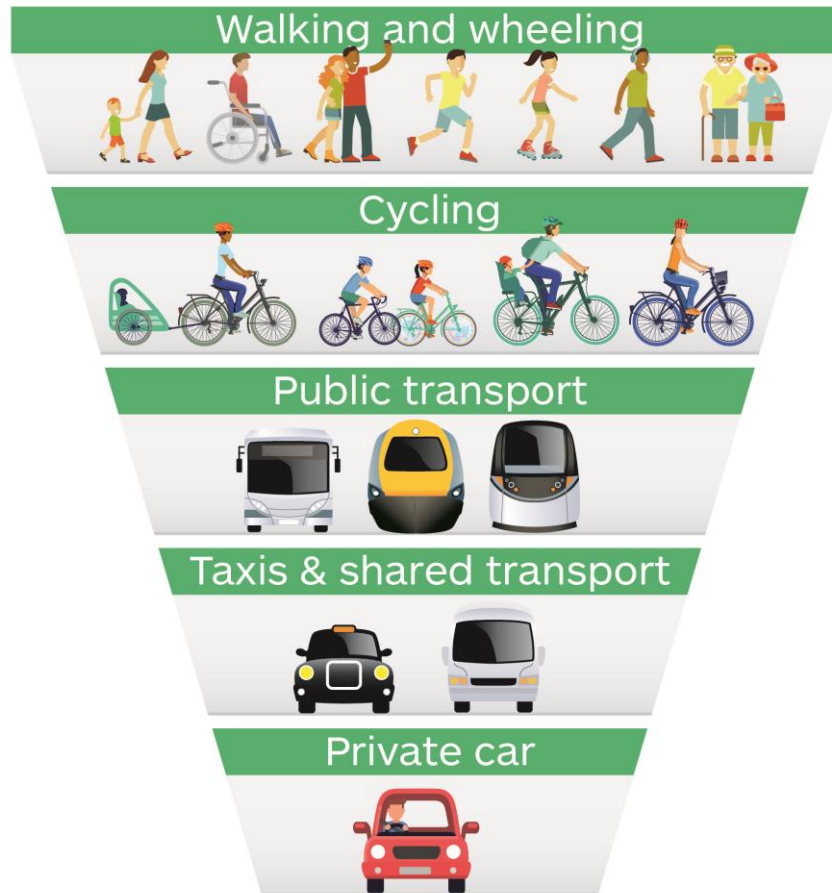
Road Terms

- This is an image of a standard single carriageway road with two traffic lanes and a footway and verge on either side.



Sustainable Travel Hierarchy

Prioritising Sustainable Transport



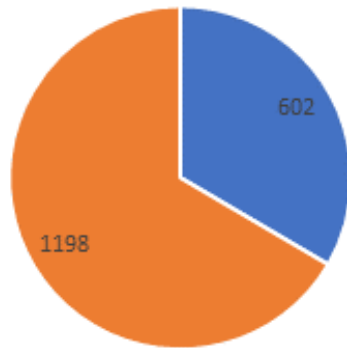
Sustainable Travel Hierarchy

- Priority for pedestrians
- Priority for cyclists/wheelers
- Priority for public transport, taxis and shared
- Priority for commercial vehicles
- Priority for private cars

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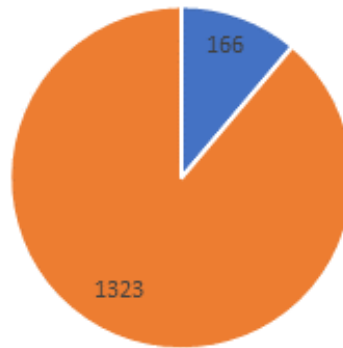
Current policy priority by length treated:

Carriageway Treatment Length (km)



■ Priority Carriageway ■ Other

Footway Treatment Length (km)

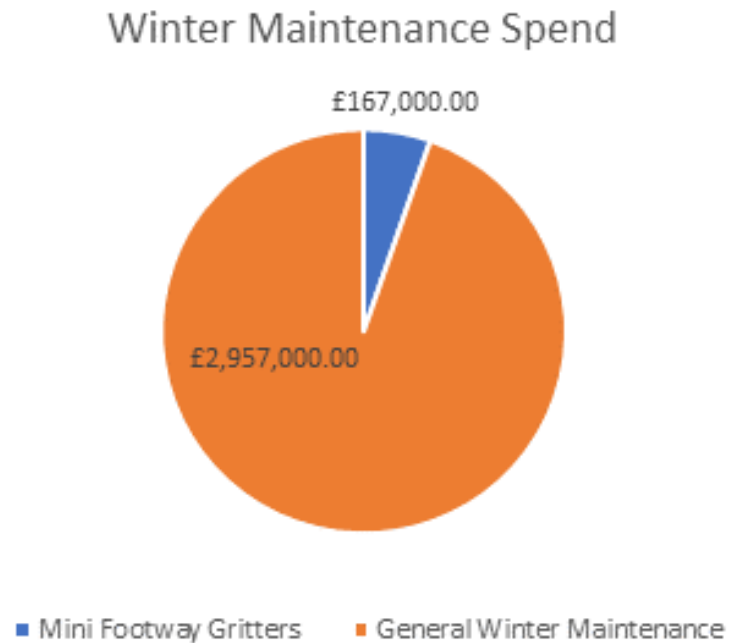


■ Priority Footway ■ Other

- 33.4% Priority Carriageway (with some spread onto adjacent footways)
- 11.1% Priority Footway

Sustainable Travel Hierarchy

Current policy priority by spend (2020/21):



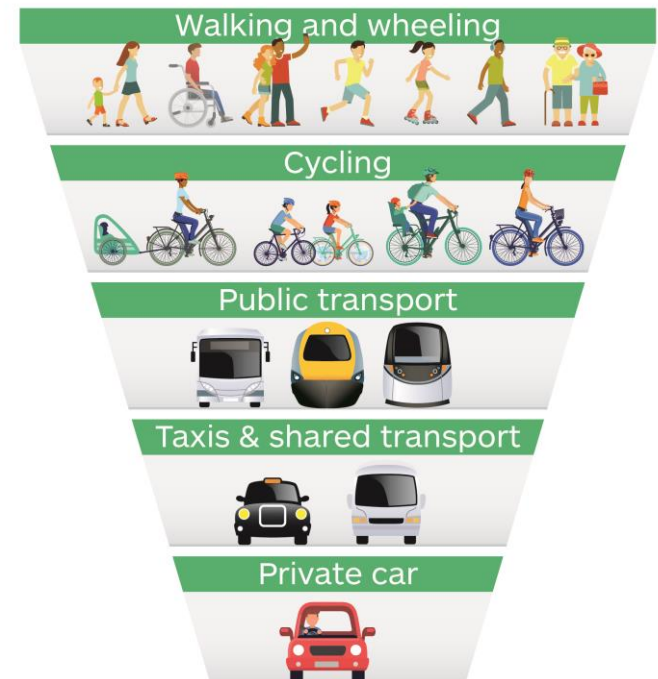
- 5.3% Footway only
- 94.7% Carriageway (with some spread onto adjacent footways; included grit bins)

Sustainable Travel Hierarchy

Reminder: our legal duty is the **safe passage** of pedestrians and vehicles over public roads

Q1. How should we share our priorities for safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles?

Prioritising Sustainable Transport



Self-Help & Community Involvement

- Grit Bins
- Grit Heaps
- Volunteers spreading grit/salt
- Volunteers clearing snow
- Organised community/volunteer groups

Self-Help & Community Involvement

Note: Community involvement to date has been in addition to the winter service provided by the council.

Q2. How can the public, communities and voluntary organisations be more involved in the direct delivery of winter services?

Communication

Roads Terminology	Winter Terminology
Footways/Footpaths/ Pavements	Priority, Non-Priority Routes and Auxiliary Routes
Roads/Carriageways	Priority 1/2/3 roads
Adopted and Unadopted Roads/Public and Private Roads	Category 1, 2 & 3 roads Primary, Secondary and Other routes
	Red Amber Green

Q3. How can we make this clearer?

Other Key Issues

Q4. What other key issues should we know about?