

## Angus Council Winter Road Services Review 2021

## \* 1. Are you responding to this survey as?

- An individual
- On behalf of a group

## \* 2. Do you?

- Live in Angus
- Work in Angus
- Neither
- Prefer not to say

3. 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.**

'Public roads' include 'pavements' (footways), where people walk or wheel and cycle is a shared path, and 'roads' (carriageways) where people drive, cycle, or walk or wheel where there is no pavement.

Our budget for winter road services in 2021/22 is £2.7million.

We currently prioritise 1 in 3 (33%) of our 1,800km of roads (carriageways) for treatment. These are the main roads with most traffic.

We currently prioritise 1 in 9 (11%) of our approximate 1,500km of pavements (footways) for treatment. These are the most used pavements.

We currently spend approximately 90% of our winter roads budget treating the above roads and 10% treating our pavements.

Scotland's National Transport Strategy sees the priority for sustainable transport in the following order: Walking and wheeling – Cycling – Public transport – Taxis & shared transport – Private car.

In answering the following questions, you may wish to consider how important it is to keep our roads clear to drive to work; for deliveries, including to our shops and supermarkets; school transport and buses; and emergency services, as well as keeping our pavements clear for individuals to walk to school, to work, to the shops or to the GP as examples.

**How do you think we should share our resources for safe passage between pavements (for walking, wheeling and cyclists) and roads for drivers of public transport, HGVs, taxis & shared transport, and private cars?**

- 5%pavements/95%roads
- 10%/90%
- 20%/80%
- 30%/70%
- Other (please specify)

- Don't know

**4. How do you think we should treat active travel routes such as shared paths and cycle paths?**

- Active travel routes should not be treated
- These routes should be included as part of pavement treatment routes
- These routes should be added to the road and pavement treatment routes
- Don't know

**5. If a road is treated or cleared and a pavement is not, how likely are you to walk or wheel on the road?**

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not very likely
- Definitely would not
- Don't know

6. Community involvement to date has been in addition to the core winter service provided by the council. We are seeking views on where the public, communities and voluntary organisations can be more involved in clearing snow or treating our pavements. This involvement might be as currently to add to the core services delivered by the council or could communities and voluntary organisations be more involved in the direct delivery of core winter services, such as routine treatment and snow clearance, and filling of grit bins from local grit heap supplies?

**Which of the following should provide winter road services?**

- Council providers, such as Tayside Contracts and local farmers
- Voluntary organisations, such as Voluntary Action Angus
- Community groups, such as Carnoustie Snowbusters and Glamis Community Council
- Individual volunteers, such as at Friockheim
- Other (please specify)
- Don't know

**7. How should the council seek to use community volunteers for winter road services?**

- For non-core services only, so in additional areas or increased level of service, such as more frequent or more days in the week
- For core services, so use volunteers directly in a way similar to contracted providers
- Not at all
- Don't know

\* 8. The council provides grit bins across the road network and grit heaps in some locations for people to use to treat roads and pavements. These are provided subject to set criteria, such as steep inclines and tight bends on public roads only.

The grit is not provided to be used for private paths and driveways, or private roads. These remain the responsibility of the landowners and users.

During hard and prolonged winter weather conditions, as were experience in 2020/21, the demand for grit can outstrip supply. In these instances, we can decide to redirect our staff and equipment to spend more time replenishing grit bins/heaps, which means they are not able to treat our extended road and pavement network beyond our Priority routes.

**Do you have access to a grit bin (or heap) where you live?**

- Yes
- No
- Don't know

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**9. Do you use grit from a bin (or heap) to treat roads and pavements where you live?**

- Yes
- No

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**10. If you answered no to Q.9, why don't you use a grit bin (or heap)?**

- Don't know where they are
- Too far away
- Not enough grit in them
- Not physically able
- Someone else does it for me
- It's the council's job
- Don't know
- Other (please specify)

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**11. If you answered yes to Q.9, do use grit from a grit bin (or heap), what roads and pavements do you treat?**

- The road immediately outside where I live
- The pavement immediately outside where I live
- The road outside my neighbours' homes
- Other (please specify)

- None of the above

**12. If more grit bins/heaps were provided, how likely would you be to make use of them to grit roads and pavements?**

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not very likely
- Definitely would not
- There are enough grit bins provided
- Don't know

13. This link provides details of our winter road services.

[https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads\\_parking\\_and\\_travel/roads\\_and\\_pavements/winter\\_gritting\\_and\\_snow\\_clearing](https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads_parking_and_travel/roads_and_pavements/winter_gritting_and_snow_clearing)

We use Twitter, Facebook and specific news feeds on our website for specific weather events and our responses to them, but we do not provide daily updates on our winter road services. We are aware that some other local authorities make greater use of social media in providing updates on winter road services.

**If we were to provide daily updates on our winter road services on Twitter, Facebook and specific news feeds on our website, how likely would you be to access these updates?**

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not very likely
- Definitely would not
- Don't know

14. We currently provide access to online maps of treatment routes:

[https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads\\_parking\\_and\\_travel/roads\\_and\\_pavements/winter\\_gritting\\_and\\_snow\\_clearing/roads\\_and\\_pavements\\_gritt](https://www.angus.gov.uk/roads_parking_and_travel/roads_and_pavements/winter_gritting_and_snow_clearing/roads_and_pavements_gritt)

The maps show our priority road routes across 'lowland' Angus based on traffic demand and our auxiliary road routes that are prone to icing, includes many of our Glens road routes.

They also show our footway or pavement treatment routes, which are either 'Monday-Friday' or 'Daily – including weekends'. Maps are available in Arbroath, Birkhill, Brechin, Carnoustie, Edzell, Forfar, Friockheim, Kirriemuir, Letham, Monifieth, Montrose and Wellbank.

**How often have you accessed the maps of road and pavement treatment routes available on the council's website?**

- Very often (perhaps once a week or more during winter)
- Less often (perhaps only during winter weather events)
- Never – but I knew about the maps
- I did not know about the maps

**15. Having already used or now that you are aware of the maps on our website, how likely would you be to access the maps in future?**

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not very likely
- Definitely would not
- Don't know

**16. If we were to attach GPS trackers to our gritters and show where they are on their treatment routes on our website, how likely are you to make use of this service?**

- Definitely would
- Very likely
- Likely
- Not likely
- Not very likely
- Definitely would not
- Don't know

**17. And finally...**

This survey is very much seen as a first step in the review of winter road services. What other key issues that we have not included in this survey should we consider in future phases? Please use this question if you wish to provide any comments or other remarks on our winter road services review.