

## Summary of the Winter Roads Services Plan for 2023/24

Section 34 of the Roads (Scotland) Act 1984 places a duty on the Roads Authority to take such steps as it considers reasonable to prevent snow and ice endangering the safe passage of pedestrians and vehicles over public roads.

The Council will therefore operate a system of winter maintenance that gives priority to the more important and heavily trafficked sections of the public road network (both roads (carriageways) and pavements (footways)). Core winter period starts at 5am on Monday 6 November 2023 and ends at 11pm on Sunday 31 March 2024

The Council will encourage the use of self-help measures, including community-led provision of some local winter roads services.

The Council will not provide winter maintenance on private roads or prospective public roads.

The following shows how road and pavement routes are prioritised:

### ROADS

- Category 1 Roads  
Strategic routes including important bus routes; important commuter routes; and roads serving hospitals, ambulance stations, fire stations, shopping centres, most schools and major industrial centres are classed as "priority routes"
- Category 2 Roads  
High land routes including bus routes to the Glens
- Category 3 Roads  
Lower priority routes

### PAVEMENTS

- Category 1 Pavements  
Strategic routes including main bus routes; important commuter routes; and pavements serving hospitals, ambulance stations, fire stations, shopping centres, most schools and major industrial centres are classed as "priority routes"
- Category 2 Pavements  
There are currently no routes in this category
- Category 3 Pavements  
Lower priority routes – snow clearance only

Once the Category 1 & 2 Road and Category 1 Pavement routes are in an acceptable condition, noting that with further low temperatures or additional snow they may require re-treatment, in heavy snow conditions resources will be used to address Category 3 Roads and Category 3 Pavements, as set out in the Winter Roads Services Plan for 2023/24).

All road users are urged to drive, cycle and walk to the road surface conditions at all times but particularly when planning journeys during periods of adverse winter weather.

Winter weather roads updates can be found at the following link, along with details and locations of grit bins for use by the public on public roads; advice on self-help to clear paths and pavements, and our road and pavement gritting routes:

[www.angus.gov.uk/wintermaintenance](http://www.angus.gov.uk/wintermaintenance)