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**Subject: [OFFICIAL] Cheshire East Council - Highways Winter Maintenance Top Up Scheme - Survey Launch**

Dear All,

During the winter of 2021/22, Cheshire East Borough Council implemented new winter gritting routes. These routes were developed following the introduction of the new highway maintenance guidance document Well Managed Highway Infrastructure (WMHI) and as such the routes were developed following the guidance in WMHI. The new routes involved new roads being added to the treatment network and also roads which no longer achieved a minimum risk based score being removed.

On the 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 the Council's Highways and Transport Committee considered a paper which outlined the end of season review that is being undertaken to understand the success of the new routes and any amendments that may be required. As part of this paper there was a proposal to engage with the Town and Parish Councils in the Borough to understand if they would like to fund additional 'top up' gritting in their areas.

The attached survey proforma and supporting information pack is the start of this engagement and outlines the conditions that would be associated with the purchase of additional top up gritting, together with a calculation of the approximate costs of this service based on data inputted. I would like to bring to your attention the following key points;

- Timing of implementation of any gritting routes will be subject to the levels of interest expressed in the 'top up' service.
- The estimated cost calculator is based on an assumed level of take up. Final standing costs and costs per treatment will be indicated once the initial level of interest has been ascertained. Therefore these should be considered as a guide for costs in year 1 of the service.
- The final costs will be subject to annual inflationary increases over the minimum service period.
- A legal agreement will be required which will set out within it a minimum Duration of Service.

Please can you complete the attached form and return it to the email address [iandh@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:iandh@cheshireeast.gov.uk) **by no later than 5pm on Friday 27<sup>th</sup> May**. If no response is received then it will be assumed that the Council in question does not wish to take part in any potential winter gritting 'top up' scheme. The results of the survey together with any recommendations will be included as part of a forthcoming report to the Council's Highways and Transport Committee.

Hopefully this is self explanatory however should there be any questions please email us at [iandh@cheshireeast.gov.uk](mailto:iandh@cheshireeast.gov.uk) and we will respond within 3 working days.

Kind Regards,

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**Parish and Town Council - Winter Maintenance Service Request - Survey 2022**

Organisation Name:

Total Estimated

Compiled by:

Total Distanc

Does the Council wish to commit to CEC providing a winter miantenance service?

**\*In making this commitment please refer to the conditions on the second worksheet "Conditions of Service"**

If answer to the above is yes, please complete the following table, guidance notes below.

Guidance Notes (please also see presentation provided)

- 1 - Please only populate fields where highlighted green, all other cells are locked
- 2 - The cost per route calculates automatically and is **for guidance only**.
- 3 - The cost is based on an average of 65 gritting runs per year (assumes average of last 3 years)
- 4 - Fixed costs are charged at £725/km
- 5 - Operational costs are charged at £8.47/km/gritting run
- 6 - Total estimated cost is shown in cell F8
- 7 - For calculation of distances please use the following - <https://maps.cheshireeast.gov.uk/ce/webmapping>

Road Name	From	To	Distance (km)
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