

CYNGOR SIR POWYS COUNTY COUNCIL

**County Council
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Highways, Recycling and Assets**

SUBJECT: Question from County Councillor Iain McIntosh

As the current list of farmers and contractors who were called upon to clear the heavy snowfall last winter struggled to cope, will the portfolio holder for highways consider creating a second list of farmers and contractors with equipment suitable for clearing snow, so that they can be called upon should we get the same level of snowfall as last winter at some point in the future?

Response

Recognising the exceptional snow storms that we experienced last year, I consider the response and service provided was very good. An annual review of the Winter Service Plan is undertaken and as part of this exercise the current support network of contractors and farmers is also being reviewed. The experience and feedback gained from last winter has identified geographical areas where additional support will be beneficial.

The arrangements and mechanism for engaging this external support is currently being progressed within a framework to ensure the suitability of any support engaged, bearing in mind the Health & Safety, training/competencies and insurance cover level requirements associated with working on the public highway.