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Creating Sustainable Communities and Places

To:

Cathaoirleach and Each Member of Kilkenny County Council

Re:

Winter Maintenance Plan 2022/2023

Date:

17th October 2022

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The Winter Maintenance Season for 2022/2023 will extend from the 17th October 2022 to 30th April 2023. Daily monitoring of the road network conditions will be undertaken in this period and winter maintenance resources will be deployed in accordance with the provisions of the Winter Maintenance Plan 2022/2023.

Members are advised that the service delivery target for the Priority 1 and 2 network is to keep these roads frost/ice free 24hrs a day, 7 days a week. This service is provided from the Council's Machinery Yard through the deployment of salt spreaders under the direction of the Duty Engineer.

Notwithstanding the provision by Kilkenny County Council of winter maintenance services, it is the duty of individual road users to ensure that they drive in accordance with prevailing conditions and no assumptions should be made that frost or icy conditions do not prevail on certain areas of the road network.

The total length of the road network to be treated (Priority 1 and 2) is 427km. The routes are selected based on their strategic importance, volumes of traffic and in consideration of the logistics involved in designing the overall routes. Four vehicles will be deployed to deliver the service and with a capacity of between 12 and 13 tonnes of salt per vehicle. Additional capacity is not achievable without significant capital investment and additional funding in the Revenue Account.

A full copy of the Winter Services Plan 2022/2023 will be published on the Council's website.

Area Engineers will also present to the Elected Members (at individual Municipal District Committee Meetings) the details of the proposed Priority 3 Routes for 2022/2023. These are the routes that do not receive treatment to the standard pertaining to Priority 1 and 2 but which are treated periodically during periods of particularly severe weather.

Elected Members attention is also drawn to the provisions of the Severe Weather Plan which provides for the pooling of resources in the event that particularly severe weather events occur. This includes liaison with the IFA, local schools and other emergency service providers.

In conclusion, I recommend approval of the Winter Services Plan 2022/2023 in line with the details set out in this memo to the Elected Members.

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Tim Butler Director of Services

Kilkenny County Council





1. Document Control

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2. Purpose and Scope

The purpose and scope of this document is to identify the processes, procedures and key personnel employed by Kilkenny County Council in the delivery of winter maintenance services throughout County Kilkenny.

3. Winter Maintenance Policy

Motorists have a general duty of care to consider prevailing weather and road conditions when planning and/or undertaking journeys across the public road network.

Due to the length of the road network in County Kilkenny, it is not feasible to treat all roads in the County during the Winter Season (October 17th, 2022 to April 30th, 2023). Accordingly, a form of prioritisation is necessary and routes are divided into the following three priority designations:

Kilkenny County Council will seek to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the prevention of ice formation and of snow accumulation on **Priority 1 Routes (Red Routes)**.

Kilkenny County Council will seek to ensure, as far as reasonably practicable, the prevention of ice formation and of snow accumulation on **Priority 2 Routes (Blue Routes)**.

In extreme weather events and/or in circumstances requiring resource prioritisation, Priority 1 Routes will take precedence over Priority 2 Routes in terms of the allocation of available resources.

Kilkenny County Council will provide periodic winter maintenance services on **Priority 3 Routes (Green Routes)**. Such services will only be provided on selected occasions associated with the anticipation of particularly severe weather conditions. Road-users must not assume that pre-salting services have been provided to the Priority 3 Network.

Mobilisation and Treatment times are detailed in Table 4.1 below. In the case of Priority 1 and 2 Routes, notification of the intention to commence pre-salting services is required a minimum of five to six hours in advance of the predicted time of ice formation.

Table 4.1

Treatment Route	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Mobilisation Time	1hr	1hr	When possible
Treatment Time	2.5hr	3.5hr	When possible

4. Decision Matrix

The Duty Engineer will inspect the forecast system daily from approximately 2pm or as soon thereafter as the Met Eireann forecast has been received. The decision matrix in Table 4.1 consists of the following;

Table 4.1 Decision Matrix

Road Surface	Descipitation	Predicted Road Conditions			
Temperature	Precipitation	Wet	Wet Patches	Dry	
May fall below 1°C	No rain No hoar frost No fog		Salt before	No action likely	
	No rain No hoar frost No fog	Salt before frost	(see note a)	weather (see note a)	
	Expected hoar frost Expected fog		Salt before frost (see note b)		
Expected to fall below 1°C	Expected rain before freezing	Salt after rain stops (see note c)			
	Expected rain during freezing	Salt before frost and, as required, after rain stops (see note d)			
	Possible rain Possible hoar frost Possible fog			Monitor weather conditions	
Expected Snow		Salt before snow	fall		

The decision to undertake precautionary treatments should be, if appropriate, adjusted to take account of residual salt or surface moisture.

All decisions should be evidence based, recorded and require careful monitoring and review.

Notes:

- a) Particular attention should be given to the possibility of water running across carriageways and other running surfaces e.g. surface water off adjacent fields after heavy rains, washing off salt previously deposited. Such locations should be closely monitored. Ideally the source of the run-off should be diverted from the roadway.
- b) When a weather warning contains reference to expected hoar frost, considerable deposits of frost can occur. Hoar frost usually occurs in the early morning and is difficult to cater for because of the probability that any salt deposited on a dry road too soon before its onset, may be dispersed before it can become effective. Careful monitoring is required under this forecast condition which should ideally be treated just as the hoar frost is forming. Such action is usually not practicable and salt may have to be deposited on a dry road prior to but as close as possible to the expected time of the condition. Hoar frost may also be forecast at other times of the day, in which case the timing of salting operations should be adjusted accordingly.
- c) If under these conditions, rain has not ceased by early morning, crews should be called out and action initiated as rain ceases.
- d) Under these circumstances rain will freeze on contact with running surfaces and full precautionary treatment should be provided even on dry roads. This is a most serious condition and should be monitored closely and carefully throughout the danger period.

5. Winter Maintenance Route Mapping Schedule

The following list in Table 5.1 sets out the drawings which indicate the Priority 1, 2 and 3 Routes for Winter Maintenance and also indicate the Section 85 arrangements between Kilkenny County Council and Tipperary County Council whereby, in the interests of efficiency services are provided by one local authority on behalf of another. The mapping for Priority 1, 2 and 3 Routes is contained in the Appendices.

Table 5.1 Winter Maintenance Route Mapping Schedule

Drawing. No.	Drawing Name	Date
KCC-WM-01	Priority 1 & 2 Routes	Oct. 2015
KCC-WMP1&2-01	Route A – N77, N78, R639 & R693	Oct. 2017
KCC-WMP1&2-02	Route B – N76, N24 & R448	Oct. 2015
KCC-WMP1&2-03	Route C – R700, N25 & R704	Oct. 2015
KCC-WMP1&2-04	Route D – N10, R713, R448, R712 & Ring Road	Oct. 2015
KCC-WM-05	Section 85 Kilkenny/Tipperary	Oct.2013
KCC-WM-08	Section 85 Tipperary/Kilkenny	Oct. 2013
KCC-WMP3-01	Priority 3 Route Kilkenny Area	Sept. 2011
KCC-WMP3-02	Priority 3 Route Castlecomer Area	Nov. 2010
KCC-WMP3-04	Priority 3 Route Newrath Area	Nov. 2010

6. Duty Rosters

The duty rosters for Kilkenny Local Authority staff assigned to the winter service plan are contained in Tables 6.1 and 6.2 below.

Table 6.1 Duty Engineers Roster

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Table 6.2 Drivers and Fitters Roster

Drivers	Fitters	Duty Period Start	Duty Period Finish
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	17/10/2022	23/10/2022
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	24/10/2022	30/10/2022
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	31/10/2022	06/11/2022
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	07/11/2022	13/11/2022
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	14/11/2022	20/11/2022
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	21/11/2022	27/11/2022
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	28/11/2022	04/12/2022
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	05/12/2022	11/12/2022
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	12/12/2022	18/12/2022
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	19/12/2022	25/12/2022
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	26/12/2022	01/01/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	02/01/2023	08/01/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	09/01/2023	15/01/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	16/01/2023	22/01/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	23/01/2023	29/01/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	30/01/2023	05/02/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	06/02/2023	12/02/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	13/02/2023	19/02/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	20/02/2023	26/02/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	27/02/2023	05/03/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	06/03/2023	12/03/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	13/03/2023	19/03/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	20/03/2023	26/03/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	27/03/2023	02/04/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	03/04/2023	09/04/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Michael Lonergan/Declan Lawlor	10/04/2023	16/04/2023
Matty Foley, Colm Killian, Nicky Grace, Pat Sweeney	Andy Cleere/James Fenion	17/04/2023	23/04/2023
David Dooley, Martin Morrissey, Mick Brennan, Michael Reade	Paul Hogan/Pat Kavanagh	24/04/2023	30/04/2023

7. Treatment Matrix

The following information outlines the application rates for pre-salting:

- Pre-salting is provided at a rate of 10g/m²
- At selected sections of pre-salting routes or on particularly severe events,
 application rates may be increased to reflect localised conditions.
- Routes have been designed to allow a treatment at 15g/m² when conditions
 dictate (For example during nights with prolonged cold periods or excess
 residual water).

8. Plant, Vehicles and Equipment

Kilkenny County Council operates 4 No. demountable salt spreaders which are permanently mounted on trucks for the duration of the winter maintenance season. Also, Kilkenny County Council has 3 No. demountable salt spreaders which are permanently mounted on trucks to provide extra cover in the event of a breakdown or extreme conditions. In addition to the above plant, Kilkenny County Council maintains 3 No. salt spreaders in the Machinery Yard which can be mobilised in extreme conditions when required.

Kilkenny County Council has 7 No. snow ploughs available for deployment in the event of snow conditions. 5 No. of these snow ploughs are truck mounted and the other 2 No. have been adapted to fit loading shovels.

Kilkenny County Council also operates 7 No. demountable salt spreaders and 3 No. towed salt spreaders.

The list of plant and service records are itemised in Tables 9.1 and 9.2 below:

Table 9.1 Salt Spreaders – Service Record

Description	Depot Location	Capacity	Date Calibrated	Date Serviced	Date of Next Calibration	Date of next
SG10 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³ Pre- Wet	Nov '22	Nov '22	Nov '23	Nov '23
SG9 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³ Pre Wet	Nov '22	Nov '22	Nov '23	Nov '23
SG8 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³	Oct '22	Oct '22	Oct '23	Oct '23
SG7 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³	Oct '22	Oct '22	Oct '23	Oct '23
SG6 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³	Oct '22	Oct '22	Oct '23	Oct '23
SG5 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	9m³	Oct '22	Oct '22	Oct '23	Oct '23
SG4 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	7m³	Oct '22	Oct '22	Oct '23	Oct '23
SG3 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	6m³				
SG2 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	6m³				1
SG1 – Demountable	Machinery Yard	5m³				
CLN1 - Demountable	Thomastown Depot	3m³				
CLN2 - Demountable	Callan Depot	1.5m³				
CLN3 – Demountable	Kilmaganny Depot	1.5m³				
CLN4 – Towable	Kilkenny Depot	3m³				
CC1 – Towable	Johnstown Depot	4.5m³				
CC2 – Towable	Castlecomer Depot	4.5m³				
N1 - Demountable	Listerlin Depot	3m³				
KK1 - Demountable	Machinery Yard	3m³				
TT1 - Demountable	Graignamanagh Depot	3.8m³				
TT2 - Demountable	Gowran Depot	2.6m³				

	TT3 – Towable	Thomastown	4.5m³			
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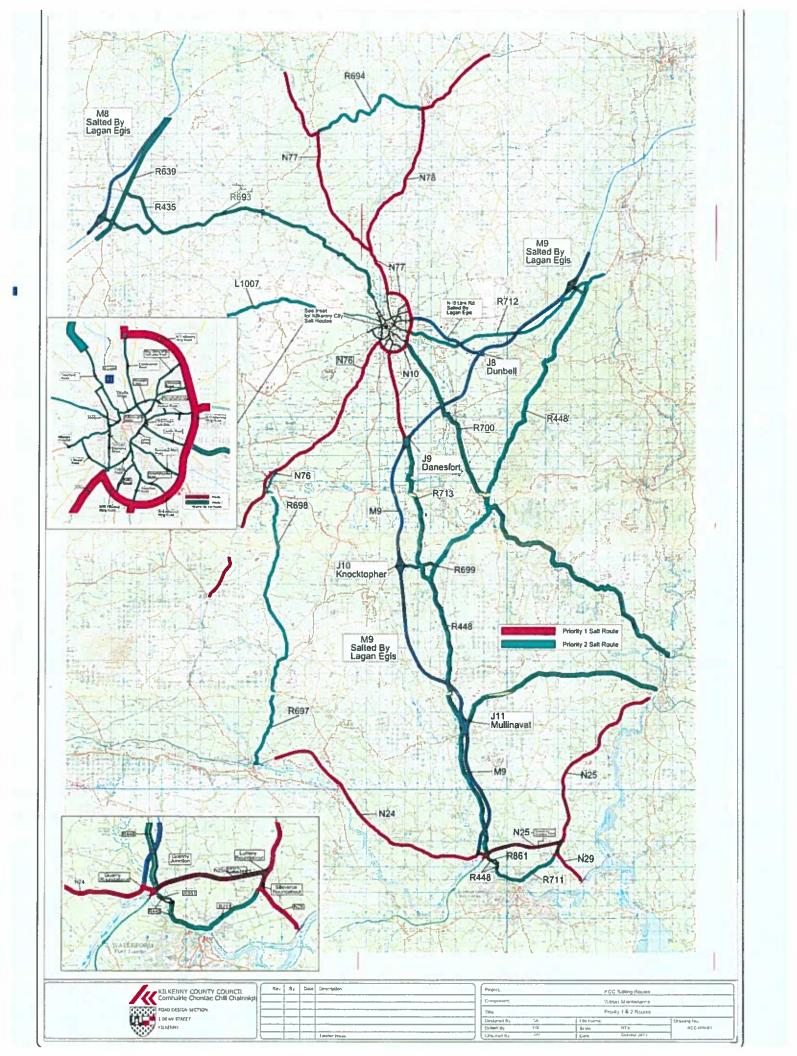
Table 9.2 Snow Ploughs & Loading Shovels

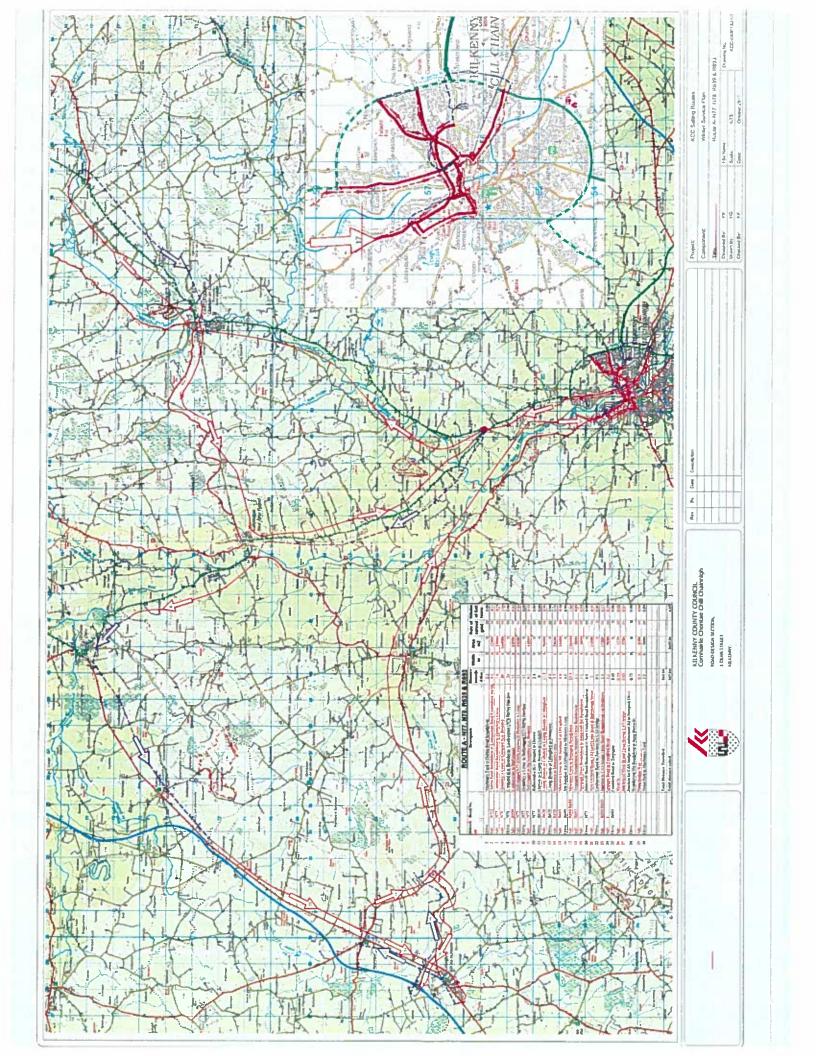
Snowploughs & Loading Shovels	Depot Location	Fitted to	Date Serviced	Date of Next Service
86T – Loading Shovel	Machinery Yard		Regular Servicing	
101T – Manitou Teleporter	Machinery Yard		Regular Servicing	Table 1
102T – Manitou Teleporter	Newrath Depot		Regular Servicing	
77T – Manitou Teleporter	Machinery Yard	- 1	Regular Servicing	
Snowplough - SP - MY1	Machinery Yard			
SP - MY2	Machinery Yard			
SP - MY3	Machinery Yard	12		
SP - MY4	Machinery Yard			
SP - MY5	Machinery Yard			
SP - MY6	Machinery Yard	S.		
SP – MY7	Machinery Yard			

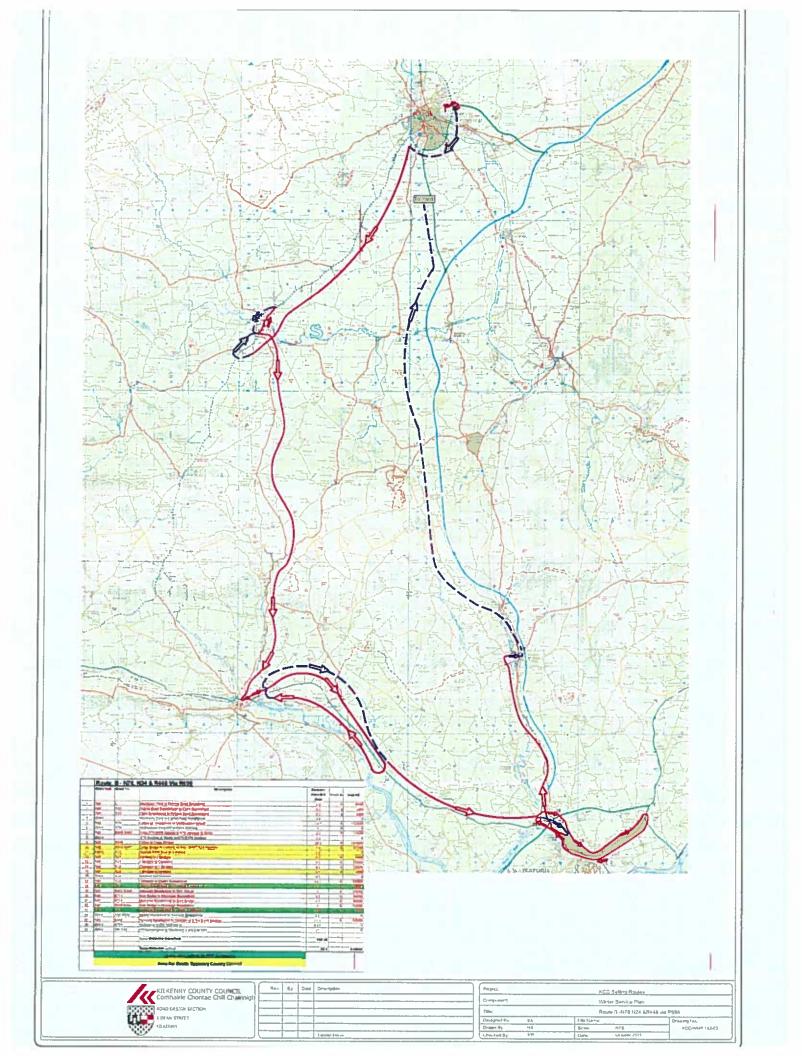
9. Winter Service Plan Distribution List

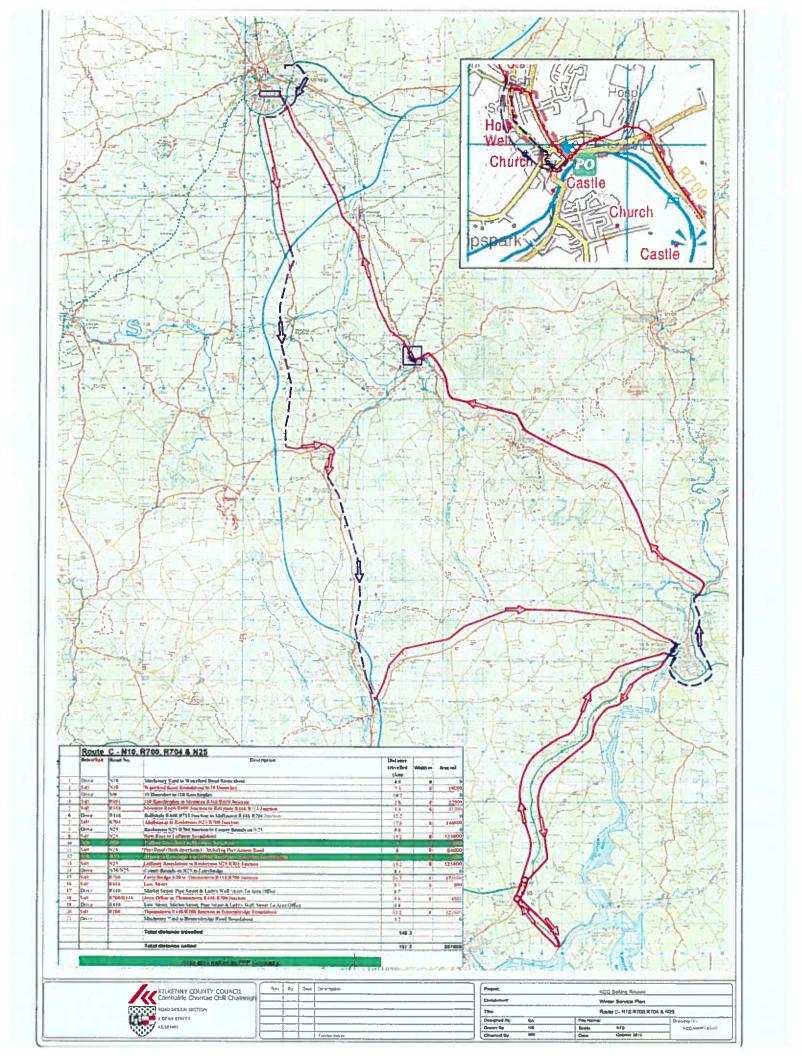
Issued to	Position	Organisation	Location	
Sean McKeown	Acting Chief Executive	Kilkenny County Council	County Hall, Kilkenny	
Tim Butler	Director of Services	Kilkenny County Council	County Hall, Kilkenny	
Seamus Kavanagh	Senior Engineer Roads & Water	Kilkenny County Council	County Hall, Kilkenny	
Ian Gardner	Senior Engineer Kilkenny Municipal Area	Kilkenny County Council	City Hall	
Brendan Sheehan	Executive Engineer Kilkenny Municipal Urban Area	Kilkenny County Council	City Hall	
Eamon Mahon	Area Engineer Kilkenny Municipal Rural Area	Kilkenny County Council	County Hall, Kilkenny	
Stan Cullen	Area Engineer Newrath Municipal Area	Kilkenny County Council	Piltown Area Office	
Philippe Beubry	Area Engineer Castlecomer Municipal Area	Kilkenny County Council	Castlecomer Area Office	
Declan Murphy	Area Engineer Thomastown/Callan Municipal	Areas Kilkenny County Council	Thomastown Area Office	
Kieran Kelly	Machinery Yard Engineer	Kilkenny County Council	Machinery Yard	
Art Hennessy	Technical Services Supervisor	Kilkenny County Council	Machinery Yard	
Sinead Fanning	Health & Safety Advisor	Kilkenny County Council	County Hall, Kilkenny	
Ray Wickham	Senior Executive Engineer	Carlow County Council		
Adrian Barrett	Senior Engineer	Laois County Council		
Liam Brett	Senior Engineer	Tipperary County Council		
Sinead Casey	Senior Engineer	Wexford County Council		
Gabriel Hynes	Senior Engineer	Waterford Council		
Stephen Smyth	Winter Maintenance Manager	National Roads Authority		
John Moore	Winter Maintenance Manager	Lagan Egis	N25 Toll Plaza	
Evelyn Cusack	Head of Forecasting	Met Eireann	Glasnevin Hill, Dublin 9.	
Superintendent Derek Hughes	Traffic Corps	An Garda Siochana	Kilkenny Garda Station	
Superintendent Anthony Farrell	Traffic Corps	An Garda Siochana	Thomastown Garda Station	

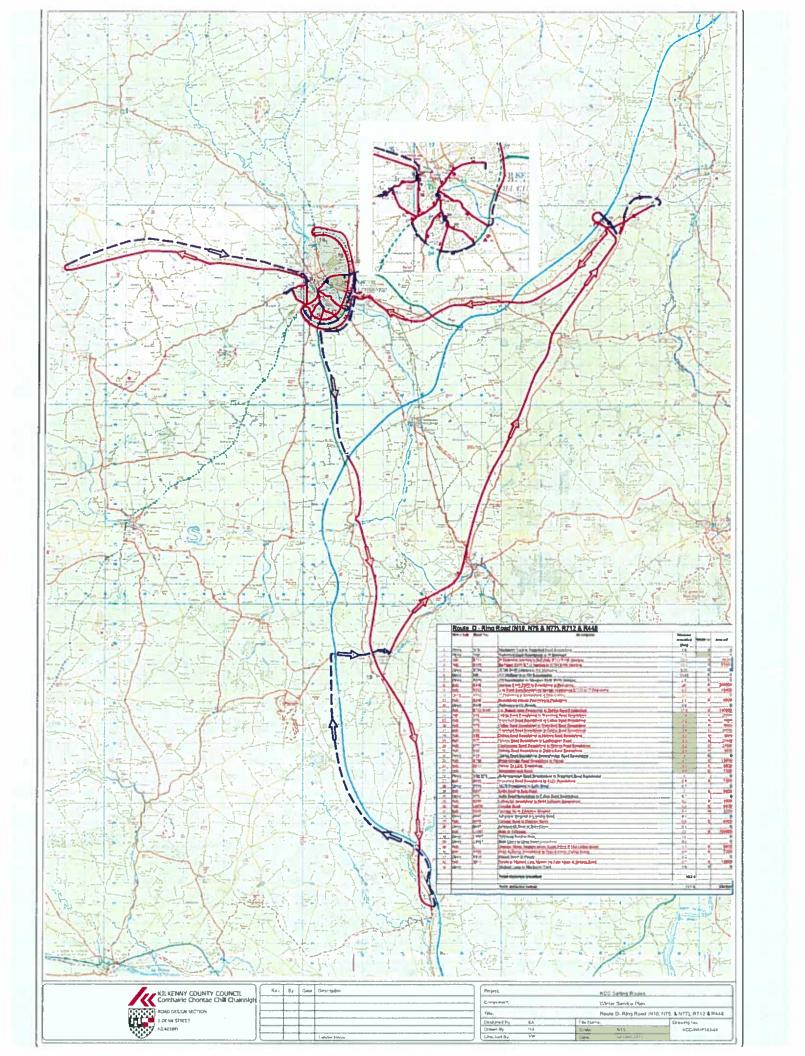
Appendix 1 - Priority 1 & Priority 2 Treatment Routes



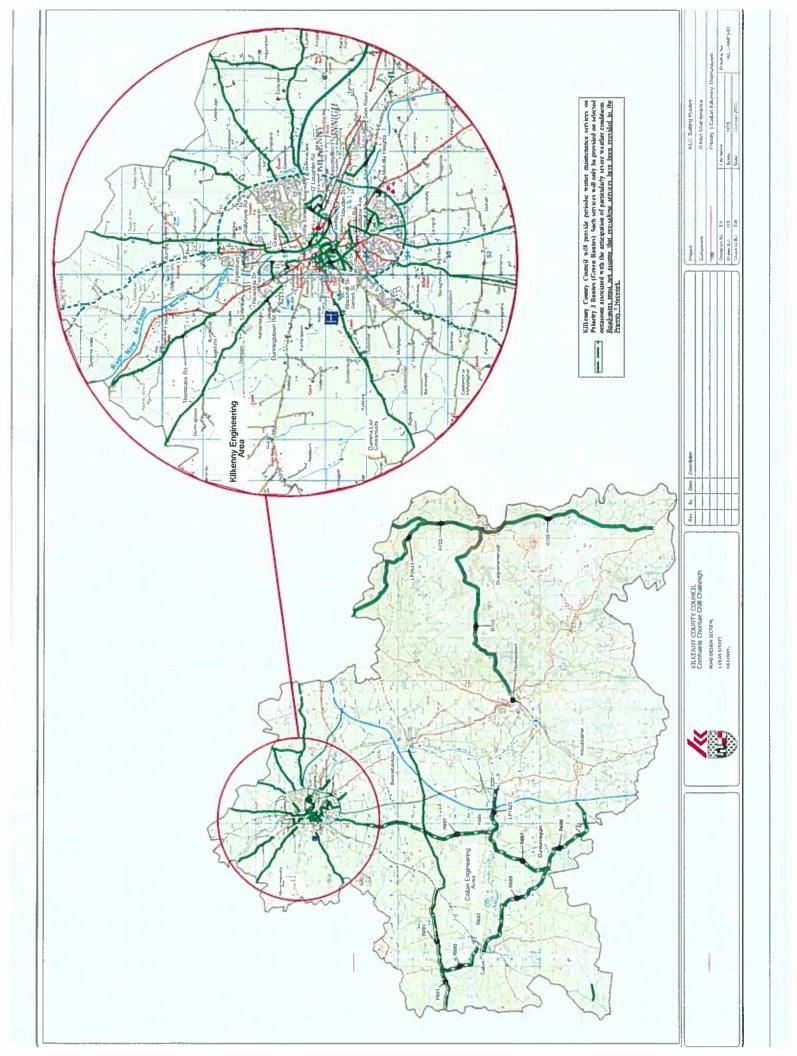


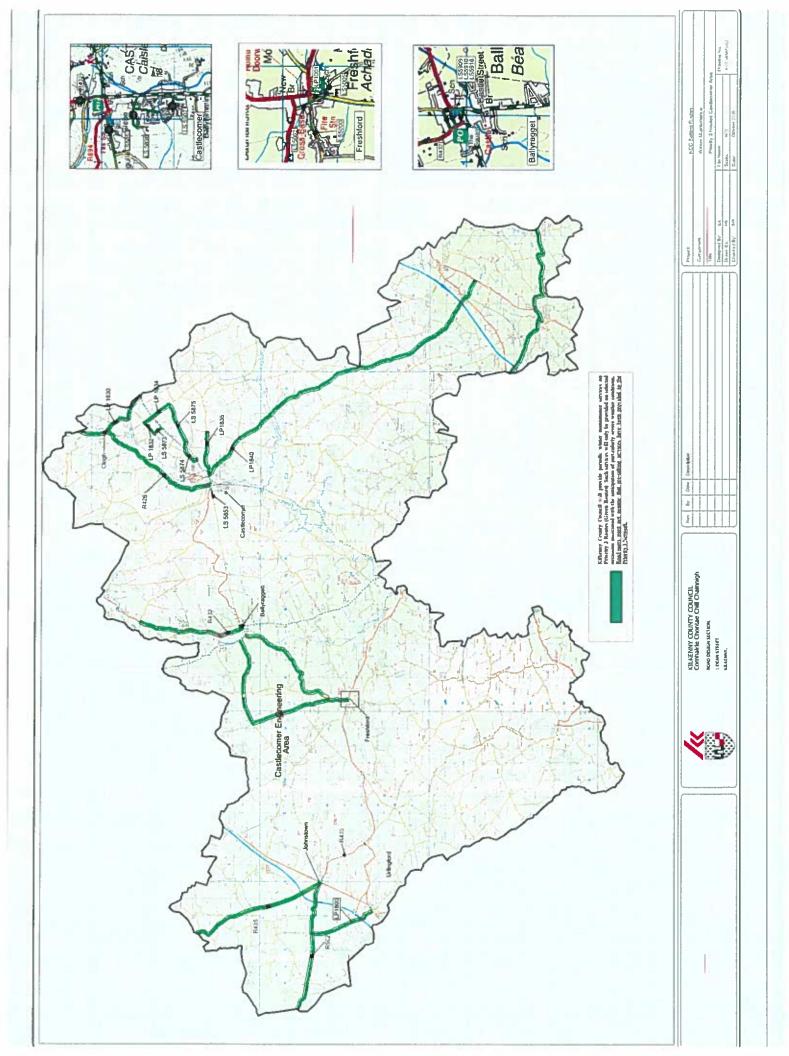


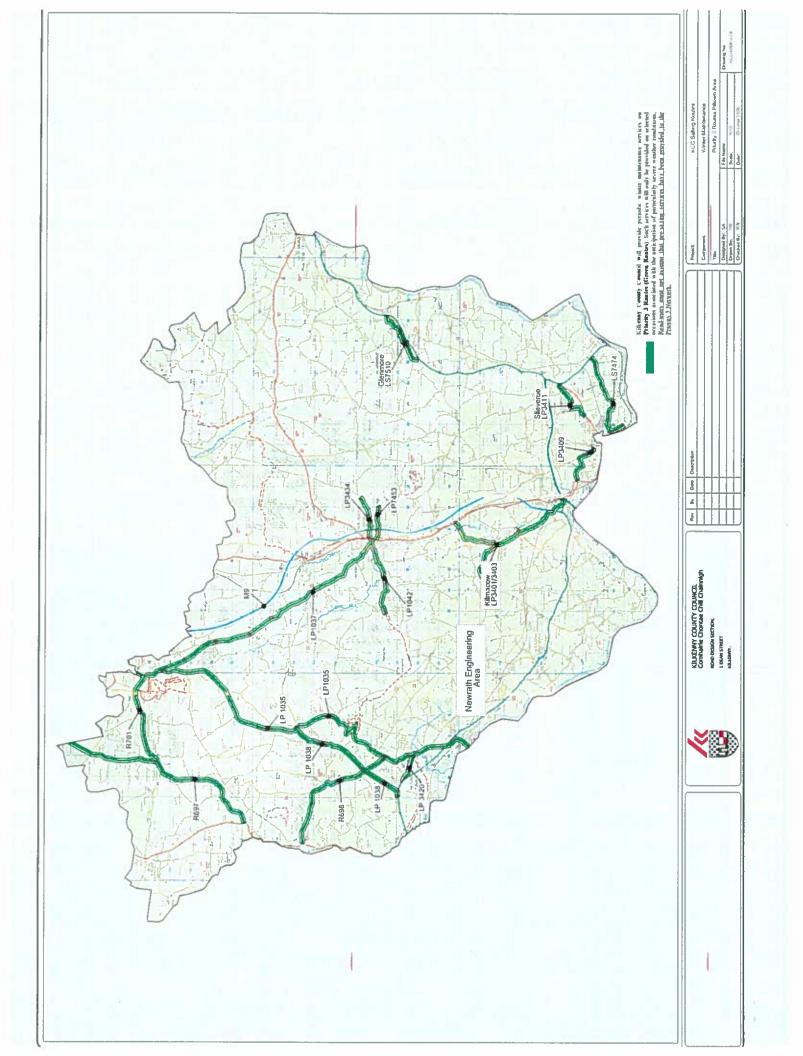




Appendix 2 - Priority 3 Treatment Routes







<u>Appendix 3 - Section 85 -</u> <u>Treatment Routes Maps</u>

