

Title of Report:	The Council's response to the severe weather of winter 2010/11
Report to be considered by:	Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission
Date of Meeting:	18 January 2011

Purpose of Report: To outline the proposed Terms of Reference and scope for a short review into the Council's response to the severe weather experienced during the winter of 2010/2011.

Recommended Action: To agree the proposed Terms of Reference.

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Executive Report

1. Introduction

- 1.1 The Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission has previously carried out a review into the impact of and response to the severe weather of the winter of 2009/10. Following this review, a number of recommendations were made to and accepted by the Council's Executive for improvements in the way that Council services might deal with severe weather.
- 1.2 This report proposes that a small review be carried out to assess the effectiveness of the measures taken in response to the Commission's recommendations following severe weather episodes of the winter of 2010/11. It outlines proposed Terms of Reference and presents a suggested methodology.

2. Proposed Terms of Reference

- 2.1 It is proposed that the Overview and Scrutiny Management Commission conducts a review into the Council's response to the severe weather of the winter of 2010/11, and specifically to:
- (1) compare and contrast the experience of the 2010/11 winter with previous severe winter weather events;
 - (2) assess the effectiveness of the recommendations arising from the previous OSMC review;
 - (3) identify further action for possible improvements; and
 - (4) report to the Executive with recommendations for further development.

3. Methodology

- 3.1 It is proposed that the review is conducted during the Commission's scheduled meeting of 1 March 2011. Evidence will be called from the Council's Civil Contingencies Manager and Heads of Service, including Education, Highways & Transport and Property & Public Protection.

4. Recommendation

- 4.1 It is recommended that the Commission agrees the Terms of Reference for the review.

Appendices

There are no Appendices to this report.
