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<b>Agenda Item:</b>	Winter Preparations
<b>Meeting Date:</b>	Monday, 14 July 2025
<b>Contact Officer:</b>	Operations Manager

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### Background

Salt bins across Witney are purchased by the Town Council from Oxfordshire County Council (OCC). A request form is completed by the Town Council and forwarded to OCC who assess the location and requirements for a salt bin. If approved, the Town Council purchase and OCC will install and fill the bin, any subsequent refills required can be requested by the Town Council at no cost. If the bin is damaged and needs to be replaced the County Council will also cover this at no additional cost.

### Current Situation

Members are asked to consider if there are any areas in their wards where a bin is a necessity. There are grit bins in place on the majority of council-owned sites and the Town Council retains a quantity of gritting salt for staff to spread.

Members are asked to noted that requests for salt bins in the new developments of Kingfisher Meadows and Windrush Place may arise once the roads are adopted by OCC in the coming years.

### Impact Assessments

The Town Council has a duty to consider the effects of its decisions, functions and activities on equality, biodiversity, and crime & disorder. Consideration should also be given to effects on the environment, given the Council's Climate Emergency declaration in 2019.

- a) Equality – The inclusion of a salt bin in the area will benefit vulnerable residents.
- b) Biodiversity – none.
- c) Crime & Disorder – none.
- d) Environment & Climate Emergency – none.

### Risk

In decision making Councillors should give consideration to any risks to the Council and any action it can take to limit or negate its liability.

- In not approving a request it could generate a negative response towards Witney Town Council.

## **Social Value**

Social value is the positive change the Council creates in the local community within which it operates.

- Salt Bin provision provides a small element of safety for the local community.

## **Financial implications**

- The County Council charge £300.00 ex VAT per salt bin.
- The street furniture budget (4200/402) current spend is £13, with a £6,000 budget.

## **Recommendations**

Member are invited to note the report and,

1. Consider the locations for installation of additional salt bins.