

STRONGER COMMUNITIES COMMITTEE

Date: Monday, 26 September 2022

Title: Winter Preparations

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Background

At this time each year, the Town Council considers requests for additional salt bins. Salt bins are paid for by town and parish councils and installed by Oxfordshire County Council during the autumn following assessment of the request. The County Council also refills existing salt bins once, annually during summer on request.

In 2021, the Town Council paid for bins to be installed in Dark Lane and on the path between Madley Park and Oxford Hill. These, as well as the other known salt bins in Witney are shown on the current list provided as Appendix A.

Current Situation

At the time of writing, the Town Council has received one request for a salt bin during the last year, raised through the ward member at Rissington Drive, Deer Park, Witney (request attached as Appendix B).

Members are asked to consider if there are any areas in their wards where a bin is a necessity.

Environmental impact

Having declared a Climate Change Emergency at its Council meeting on 26 June 2019 – with this in mind Councillors should have due regard to the environmental impact of any decisions they make with regard to its facilities and services it operates.

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.

Financial implications

- The cost to the Town Council for requesting installation of a salt bin is £250 + VAT.
- The Council maintains an annual budget of £500 for grit bins.

Recommendations

- Members are invited to note the report and request for a salt bin at Rissington Drive and consider if any further areas in Witney would benefit from bins ahead of the winter.