

Operational Requirements – Significant Road Icing

In the event of a predicted and actual significant road, cycle or footpath icing event, the following initial actions and follow up arrangements should be instigated at the “operational responsive level”.

The trigger point will be via security who will receive Met office notification of such an event and will need to start the process when an Amber or Red alert are announced or indeed a black ice warning has been given.

Initially security will notify the following persons informing them of a likely weather event outside of core hours, during core hours normal reporting and attendance will be followed:

- On-call out of hours manager
- Landscape and Grounds supervisor

Monitoring – early action

Security will monitor the level of ice on roads and pathways and when this is considered dangerous, they will notify the Landscape and Grounds Supervisor along with the on-call manager. The Landscape and Grounds supervisor will arrange for his team to attend site and start the gritting process and ice clearing. The Landscape and Grounds supervisor will also monitor the conditions and pick up any significant drop in road surface temperature from Met office reporting.

Ongoing Action

The grounds clearing teams will remain on site for as long as is practical, clearly in extreme heavy ice situations gritting may be very problematic and time consuming but all efforts must be made to keep roads and pathways clear.

Follow on Action

The Landscape and Grounds teams or their nominated contractors should attend site the next day subject to any further weather warnings and further clear the roads and pathways ensuring a safe environment for all concerned.

In the event of further heavy icing, this should be kept under continuous monitoring by security and the Landscape and Grounds supervisor with interventions identified above being repeated if required.

Communication

The Grounds and Landscaping teams that attend site shall ensure through security that the following information is passed on as required to SMT, ECS and Transport and Travel team.

Details of all areas that have been attended with specific reports on:

- Roads, Campus and paths gritting update
- Road and paths condition
- Car parking gritting and clearing update
- Building entrances clearance update
- Cycle ways update
- Bus stops update

Note:- this operational process does not replace the University’s “Adverse Weather Procedures”.