

Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024

Question from: Val Stevens

Question to: Councillor Dacre

I have a question regarding the budget priorities. As someone who, yesterday, had to travel via Ripponden from Manchester to get home because of snow and then flooding, I am concerned about the reductions in gritting for winter. Icy roads and pavements are very dangerous for older people and people with mobility issues. I am therefore a little bemused that the Council still funds Stonewall for nearly £3000 a year for what when there are more local pressing local issues with a very tight budget.

RESPONSE

The Council listened to residents concerns and took the decision to stop the proposed winter service schedule reverting back to the previous gritting programme.

The Council subscribes to a specific Stonewall programme, Diversity Champions, which is focused on workforce support and development.

In common with all HR & OD subscriptions it will be reviewed at renewal date (March 2025). As on previous occasions, budgetary considerations, value for money and views of staff will be considered.