

**Cabinet Meeting: Monday, 09 December 2024**

**Question from: Vivienne Boardman**

**Question to: Councillor Dacre**

It has come to light that the number of roads to be gritted after December 1st is to be halved, in order to save money. This is shocking news to the residents of Calderdale. You are compromising the safety of young and old alike, for what reason?

One immediate saving that could be made is the £3,000 or so paid to the largely discredited Stonewall. And it isn't just the annual amount: staff have to leave their posts to attend training sessions etc. I understand that a decision was made last year to cancel renewal fees, a decision later reversed by councillors.

If cuts have to be made, please cut dubious ideology rather than the safety of residents.

## **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.