

**Bracknell Forest Council
Record of Decision**

Work Programme Reference	I025007
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1. **TITLE:** Overview & Scrutiny Commission Working Group Report - Response to Severe Weather

2. **SERVICE AREA:** Environment, Culture & Communities

3. **PURPOSE OF DECISION**

The Overview & Scrutiny Commission requested a response to the report of the Working Group. This report comments on the findings of the Working Group and in applying the other relevant learning, the response.

4 **IS KEY DECISION** Yes

5. **DECISION MADE BY:** Executive

6. **DECISION:**

1 That the Overview & Scrutiny Commission be thanked for the excellent work undertaken by their Working Group and the recommendations as shown in bold in the body of this report have a response.

2 That subject to the outcome of the Comprehensive Spending Review and continued analysis of the Council's financial out turn in the current financial year, authority be delegated to the Director of Environment, Culture and Communities in consultation with the Executive Member: Finance and Resources, to determine how, if at all, the equipment described in recommendation 6.2 of the report, be funded.

7. **REASON FOR DECISION**

The procedural process relating to reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Commission require an Executive response;

The recommendations contained within the report were derived from a comprehensive review of the Council's response to severe weather and where practical should be considered for action; and

While weather as severe as last Winter is relatively rare, it is considered reasonable and appropriate that the Council should make further investment in equipment and plant which makes any future response more efficient, effective and further reaching.

8. **ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED**

The Council could decide not to acquire the equipment listed on the basis that the Borough experiences severe weather infrequently and therefore against other priorities such expenditure cannot be justified.

9. **PRINCIPAL GROUPS CONSULTED:** None.

10. **DOCUMENT CONSIDERED:** Report of the Director of Environment, Culture & Communities
11. **DECLARED CONFLICTS OF INTEREST:** None.

Date Decision Made	Date decision will be implemented
19 October 2010	27 October 2010