

APSE Winter Maintenance Forum 2018



Friday 5 October 2018

Midland Hotel, Bradford, Forster Square, Bradford BD1 4HL

Programme

09:00 Registration & exhibition viewing

10:00 **Session 1**

Welcome address: Julian Jackson, Assistant Director Planning, Transport & Highways, Bradford Council

Bradford's Strategy on winter gritting

- Bradford's strategy for winter maintenance and gritting
- Balancing the financial and operational challenges of delivering a winter maintenance service
- Severe weather teams and resilience

David John Mazurke, Group Manager Highways, Street Lighting, Gullies and Winter Maintenance, Bradford City

Winter Maintenance - State of Play

- Outline of the task and the issues faced by the sector
- Revised guidance on Highways Maintenance
- Challenges ahead and opportunities for the future

Richard Hayes, Chief Executive, Institute of Highway Engineers

11:20 Coffee & exhibition viewing

11:45 **Session 2**

NWSRG: updated winter maintenance guidance

- Applying a risk-based approach to planning and route selection
- Storage and treatment methods particularly changing to treated or pre-wet salt
- Calibration of gritters and spread rates

Carol Valentine, Highway Manager, Kent County Council

Delivering Performance within the new Code of Practice

- Maintaining and achieving good performance
- The APSE DMG Performance Indicators for Winter Maintenance
- Tracking and interpreting the trends to date

Debbie Johns, APSE Head of Performance Networks

12:45 Lunch and exhibition viewing

13:30 **Session 3**

Innovation in Winter Maintenance Gritting

- Results of sensor trials to determine localised temperature
- Optimising current winter maintenance fleet and salt products
- Investigation of route based gritting technology

Keith Benson, Service Manager - Network Management, Wigan Council

Active Snow Wardens

- Building, training and maintaining a network of wardens
- Risk and fitness assessment
- Network co-ordination, the Snow code and Snow buddies

Suzanne Cross, Performance Officer, Derbyshire County Council

14:30 Coffee & exhibition viewing

15:00 **Session 4**

Communicating with the Public through severe weather events

- Operating an interactive Incident Room for Highways/Flooding
- Utilising traffic technology and social media to manage the Council's response
- The communication mix; contact centre, variable messaging signs, twitter ...

Dom Proud, Service Delivery Manager for Highways, Transport and Engineering, Telford Council

Using statistical weather data to support the winter maintenance programme

- Prediction of freezing conditions and their location
- Creating a risk based framework for winter maintenance
- Rational winter decision making tools and techniques

TBC

16:00 Close of seminar

Seminar details

Seminar objectives

Winter maintenance services are essential for local residents and businesses but changeable and unpredictable weather conditions, increasing litigation from the public and keeping pace with new innovations and technical developments can all add to the challenges facing Highways Winter Maintenance Services.

This seminar will explore exemplar councils in their winter maintenance approaches and tackle issues such as:

The legal requirements for winter maintenance managers

How have councils innovated to meet the winter challenge

The opportunities from improved weather prediction and technology

Monitoring performance and costs under the new guidance

Snow wardens, recruitment and retention Communicating with the public and other stakeholders during severe weather

All these issues and more will be discussed and debated with ample opportunity for delegates to network and learn and share ideas and information from each other.

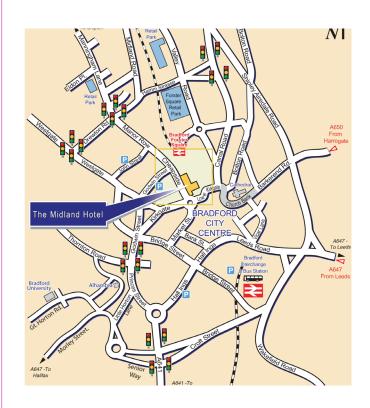
Alongside a trade exhibition this event is a timely and affordable learning seminar for all involved in the winter maintenance service.

Who should attend?

- Highways directors, heads of service and managers
- Winter maintenance specialists
- Elected members with highways, environment or neighbourhood service responsibility
- Press officers and communications team
- Suppliers who want to learn about the latest developments from a commercial perspective

Venue

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