

Wigan Council

Severe Weather Deployment Plan 2021



1. Overview

The Severe Weather Deployment Plan (SWDP) details the actions to be taken should the borough experience severe prolonged ice or snow conditions. The SWDP contains a suite of prioritised operational plans which underpin the Highway Winter Service Policy, utilising operational staff whose normal daily tasks have been temporarily suspended due to the severe conditions.

The SWDP will ensure wherever practicable;

- Movement of key goods and services around the borough during severe weather conditions;
- Enable continued use of public transport to access the town and district centres; and
- Continued operation of key front line public services

The clearing of ice and snow from town centre footways and bus stop areas along defined corridors in priority order will be carried out in accordance with this plan.

The SWDP will be activated by the Winter Maintenance Duty Manager (WMDM) in consultation with key operational Service Managers when the following criteria are met;

- Snow falls to a depth greater than 40mm or
- Ice following rainfall is forecasted and is to remain beyond a 24 hour period.

Winter maintenance Duty Management Team 2021
Heather Farmer (HAM)
Wayne Reid (HCM)

2. Deployment

Once the decision has been made to activate this plan in accordance with the Winter Service Policy, the (WMDM) will contact key operational service managers or their nominated representatives whose normal services will have been temporarily suspended due to the severe weather conditions. These will include street cleaning, highway repairs, street lighting, waste collection, Leigh Building Services, and the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service.

A suite of operational prioritised area plans is attached at the back of this SWDP which detail the operations to be carried out should the SWDP be triggered.

Dedicated teams of staff managed by designated area coordinators will be deployed simultaneously within areas of the borough to clear ice and snow as per their area plan priority. Area coordinators will then ensure that the clearing of the ice and snow is carried out effectively as per plan.

3. Operational Priorities

Severe weather deployment plan priorities	
Priority 1	Wigan and Leigh town centres (hierarchy 1 footways)

<p>Priority 2</p>	<p>Main district town centres (Ashton, Atherton, Golborne, Hindley, Pemberton, Standish and Tyldesley - hierarchy 1 footways)</p> <p>These areas will be treated when all priority 1 footways have been cleared.</p>
<p>Priority 3</p>	<p>Local community shopping areas</p> <p>Rail station access</p> <p>Bus station access</p> <p>Bus stops (hierarchy 1 footways)</p> <p>Pedestrian crossing points (hierarchy 1 footways)</p> <p>Main car parks access</p> <p>Public building access (providing essential services)</p> <p>Day centre access</p> <p>Clinics and GP surgery access</p> <p>Schools & Sure Start Children’s Centres</p> <p>Bus stops on Quality Bus Corridors</p> <p>Police, Ambulance and Fire Stations</p> <p>These areas will be treated when all Priority 2 routes have been cleared.</p>
<p>Note</p>	<p>No other footways will be treated.</p>

4. Resources

There is a potential maximum resource of 271 operational staff (reduced to 197 on Mondays) and 44 vehicles to transport them to their designated areas of work.

All deployed crews will be issued with spades and barrows to remove snow and transport salt for footway spreading. These will be stored at the council’s Makerfield Way depot.

These resources will be deployed in accordance with the Resource Deployment Matrix shown below. A toolbox talk has been devised to ensure the work is carried out safely.

An Operational Management meeting will take place annually at the start of the winter season to prepare for and discuss the SWDP. This meeting will take place at Makerfield Depot and all Operational Managers will attend.

5. Resource Deployment Matrix Priority 1 & 2

The following table details how the resources will be deployed during prolonged severe conditions to town centres, district town centres and then into other districts, and how operations will be managed.

All priority 1 & 2 (main and district town centres) will have a dedicated SWDP coordinator to ensure effective use of resources and that footways are cleared as soon as possible, these will be provided by the Infrastructure Asset Group, Highways operational teams, Cleansing services and the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service.

Priority 3 areas will have dedicated area coordinators and will be provided through the Cleansing and Refuse service.

Location	Activity	No of Staff	No or Routes	Town/Township Coordinator
Priority 1				
Main Town Centres				
Wigan	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	45	9	Alan Shallicker
Leigh	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	42	9	Alan Evans
Priority 2				
District Centres				
Ashton	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	20	5	Adrian Edgar
Atherton	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	15	3	Cheryl Roby
Golborne	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	12	3	Alan Evans
Hindley	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	13	4	John Aspinall
Pemberton	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	15	3	Steve Strong
Standish	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	12	4	Adrian Edgar
Tyldesley	Clear Hierarchy 1 F'ways	15	3	Cheryl Roby
Town Centre Total Resource		189	43	

6. Resource Deployment Matrix Priority 3

Location	Activity	No of Staff	No of Routes	Town/Township Coordinator
Priority 3				
Areas	Clear Frontages			
Atherton	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	6	57	P Hurst
	Rail Stations	2	1	
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	10	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	4	
Total		12	72	
Ashton	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	6	60	R Jones
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	15	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	5	
Total		10	80	
Golborne Lowton	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	6	70	B Thomason

	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	13	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	3	
Total		10	86	
Hindley Abram	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	9	98	P HURST
	Rail Stations		1	
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	3	20	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	6	
Total		14	125	
Leigh	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	9	100	
	Hospitals	0	1	
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	3	25	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	5	
Total		14	131	

Location	Activity	No. of stops	No of routes	Town/Township coordinator
Orrell Billinge	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	4	42	I Chappell
Winstanley				
	Rail Stations	0	2	
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	12	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	2	
Total		8	58	
Standish Aspull	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	6	69	G Curlerss
Shevington				
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	16	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	3	
Total		10	88	
Tyldesley Astley	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	3	30	P HURST
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	13	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	2	
Total		7	45	
Wigan North	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	12	120	P Edwards
	Hospitals	0	2	
	Rail Stations	0	2	

	Schools & Sure Start Centres	3	16	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	10	
Total		17	150	
Wigan South	QBC Bus Stops & Hierarchy 2 Bus Stops	6	67	R Jones
	Schools & Sure Start Centres	2	15	
	GP Practices & Surgeries	2	3	
Total		10	85	
Car Parks - all council owned car parks open to the elements will be cleared by Cleansing				
Day centres will be cleared by Cleansing				
		24	4	
Hospitals, schools and Sure Start Centres will be cleared by L.B.S				
		15	2	
Clinics and GP surgeries will be cleared by the Greater Manchester Fire & Rescue Service				

7.0 Refuse Collection during Severe Conditions

Once the SWDP is activated and a normal refuse collection service cannot be continued, staff will be utilised to carry out snow and ice removal in accordance with this plan.

The overriding aim will be to keep the waste collection service functioning.

If waste operatives are transferred to snow and ice clearance duties they will resume waste collection duties as soon as practically possible. The level and type of collection service provided will depend on prevailing conditions, what resource is needed to maintain priority routes, and accessibility of residential streets.

Once normal conditions resume we will collect side waste (additional tied up bags of rubbish) with the next black bin collection. Side waste for excess recyclables (blue, brown and green bins) **will not** be collected.

Excess rubbish and recyclables can be taken to any local **household waste recycling centre**.

If the services and /or local household waste and recycling centres are affected by extreme weather, up to date information will be provided on the Wigan Council Home Page.

8. Town Centre Operational Plans

Each Town centre SWDP coordinator will be issued with a suite of detailed operational plans showing locations to be cleared of snow and ice. These will be distributed to designated crews with allocated routes to clear. The main and district town plans are:

- Wigan
- Leigh

- Atherton
- Tyldesley
- Golborne
- Ashton
- Standish
- Pemberton
- Hindley

9. Area Operational Plans

Each Township SWDP coordinator will also have a suite of detailed operational plans as above, the Townships are:

- Atherton
- Ashton
- Golborne Lowton
- Hindley Abram
- Leigh
- Orrell Billinge Winstanley
- Standish Aspull Shevington
- Tyldesley Astley
- Wigan North
- Wigan South

10. Annual Review

The SWDP will be reviewed annually in conjunction with the Highway Winter Service Policy.