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Preparing for Winter with true grit

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A total of 38 brand new gritting vehicles are now available to help keep Surrey moving during the colder months.

The new vehicles operate more efficiently, have state-of-the art technology on board and produce less carbon emissions. They will grit Surrey's roads before and during severe weather, using the 10,141 tonnes of salt stored at our four Surrey depots. Winter arrangements typically begin in October and run until the end of March although this period can be extended depending on weather conditions.

Children from Surrey schools are being invited to name the new fleet with winning entries to be announced later this month.

Matt Furniss, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Economic Growth said, *"We're committed to keeping drivers safe here in Surrey and investing in our roads.*

"When temperatures plummet, our highways teams across the county will be ready to work around the clock to keep traffic moving on our primary routes using our new, efficient gritters.

"I'm delighted that our school children are getting involved in naming the new gritters and look forward to seeing their suggestions."

Ed Jennings, Lead Operations Manager for Ringway said, *"We are ready and prepared for winter, with a team of experienced gritter drivers – many of whom have delivered the service for over ten years.*

"Our investment in 38 brand new gritters is a demonstration of our commitment to Surrey and enables us to continue our drive towards a greener future. Our Immediate Response Centre will continue to support communities 24/7 and will work closely with the Met Office throughout the season.

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