

SPECIFICATION

1. SNOW PLOUGHS/LIGHT DUTY SNOW BLOWERS/SNOW THROWERS SCHEDULE OF RATES 1 AND 2

The planned route for snow clearance using snow ploughs will be notified in writing to the Contractor by the Local Hampshire Highway Office upon acceptance of the Tender.

Snow clearance by snow throwers and blowers in support of snowploughs and clearing drifts should be carried out in accordance with general instructions and any specific requirements issued by Local Hampshire Highway Office.

2. HEAVY DUTY SNOW BLOWERS SCHEDULE OF RATES 3

Snow clearance by heavy-duty snow blowers in support of snowploughs and clearing drifts should be carried out in accordance with general instructions and any specific requirements issued by the Local Hampshire Highway Office.

3. OTHER SNOW CLEARING PLANT AND EQUIPMENT SCHEDULE OF RATES 4

Additional plant will only be called out for snow clearing when specifically requested by the Local Hampshire Highway Office. Snow clearance work must be carried out in accordance with general instructions and any specific requirements issued by the Local Hampshire Highway Office.

4. STORAGE OF SNOW CLEARANCE EQUIPMENT

Snowploughs, blowers and throwers should be dry stored, free from contamination in a convenient location and ploughs kept at the correct height so that they can be speedily fitted to tractors. A trial fitting of snow clearance equipment should take place prior to 1 November or as notified by the Local Hampshire Highway Office.

If the storage location differs from the normal storage location the address must be shown separately.

5. CHANGE OF TRACTOR

Contractors must advise the Local Hampshire Highway Office as soon as possible if tractor(s) are to be changed at any time during the winter season. Information regarding the make, model, number and horse power of the new tractor(s) the anticipated delivery date and the Hampshire County Council plough number(s) already allocated should be given at the time. Arrangements can then be made to order new fittings, transfer ploughs or order new ploughs.

It is vitally important that up to date equipment information is provided for the Local Hampshire Highway Office.

Wherever possible, new tractors should be fitted with a front 3-point linkage assembly to aid fitment standardization for snow ploughs. With the ever-increasing cost of brackets for ploughs and the variety of models of tractor, where possible, once brackets have been fitted to a tractor, the tractor should be made available for at least two complete snow-clearing seasons. Should this not be the case the contractor may be liable for the cost of the transfer of equipment to the new tractor.

NB: It should be noted that some makes of tractor are unsuitable for the fitment of snowploughs.

6. COUNTERWEIGHT

In order to maximise the effectiveness of snow ploughing, it may be necessary to load the rear of the tractor with a counterweight. This can be in the form of any suitable equipment such as a linkage mounted transport box (loaded with sand or gravel), a concrete block, or ballast rear tyres with solution containing anti-freeze.

7. FITTING OF SNOW PLOUGHS

Snowploughs with rubber blades should be adjusted to give 14 mm (1/2 in) clearance above the road surface. For ploughs without rubber blades advice must be sought from the Local Hampshire Highway Office on the clearance required.

8. FITTING OF SNOW BLOWERS AND THROWERS

Snow blowers and throwers must be set up and operated by the Contractor in accordance with the machine manufacturer's operating instructions which will be supplied with the equipment by the County Council.

Snow blowing and throwing should only commence when instructed by the Local Hampshire Highway Office or his representative or when drifting occurs.

9. OPERATION OF SNOW CLEARING EQUIPMENT

If snowploughs are not already fitted in anticipation of snowfall they should be fitted as soon as snow commences to fall. Snow ploughing should start as soon as 25 mm (1 in) of snow has fallen on the designated route providing snow is persisting unless otherwise directed by the Local Hampshire Highway Office.

During the clearance operation on roads with footways care should be exercised to ensure that snow is not deposited on those footways.

When traversing junctions with snow clearing equipment care should be exercised to ensure that side roads are not blocked.

From time to time there may be a requirement to carry out a full scale "dummy" run over your normal salt routes. Mounting and running-up of snow blowers may also be required.

On such occasions, normal reimbursement of costs for time spent will be made.

10. LIAISON WITH HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

The Local Hampshire Highway Office is to be informed by telephone by the Contractor when snow clearing commences unless the Local Hampshire Highway Office or his representative has already made earlier contact requesting snow clearance to commence.

Contractors should contact the Local Hampshire Highway Office on the situation at the end of each day and once during the day unless contact has already been made with the Chief Engineer or his representative.

11. MAINTENANCE OF EQUIPMENT

All defects in snow clearing equipment including worn wearing blades and caster wheels on snowploughs must be reported immediately to the Local Hampshire Highway Office. The HCC number of the plough, blower or thrower must be quoted.