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Pass the Salt

Road salt spending in 2009-10 and 2010-11

The gritting trucks have been out again this winter, laying down salt to keep the roads and pavements safe for drivers and pedestrians. This is the third winter in a row when a severe bout of snow and ice has threatened the UK's transport links – but have local authorities adequately prepared?

For the first time the TaxPayers' Alliance has compiled a list of every council's road salt order this year (2010-11) in comparison to last year (2009-10). In our full council-by-council breakdown, we also reveal the total cost of purchasing emergency salt in 2009-10; buying emergency salt can be as much as three to four times more expensive, per tonne.

The key findings of this research are:

- The total cost of purchasing **emergency supplies of road salt in 2009-10 was £10.5 million.**
- The council that spent the most on emergency road salt in 2009-10 was **North Yorkshire with £533,652.**
- **So far, councils have ordered less salt this year (2010-11) than they did last year (2009-10).** In 2009-10 councils ordered 1,509,129 tonnes and this year 1,482,730 tonnes has been ordered. While the 2010-11 total may rise, these figures show that they have not prepared adequately by buying more in advance.
- **75 out of 205 councils** have not received all of this year's road salt order.
- Emergency spending on road salt varied greatly between councils. For example, Newcastle spent **£331,400**, while neighbouring Sunderland spent **£0.**
- Bradford council spent **£286,000** on road salt on an emergency basis while Leeds council spent **£13,400.**
- For **a full breakdown** of road salt orders and expenditure on emergency supplies last year please see Table 2.

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Sources and Methodology

1. Roads in the UK are primarily treated with rock salt, procured from two main suppliers, Salt Union in Cheshire and Cleveland Potash in Middlesbrough. It is brown in colour because it is unrefined and is often incorrectly referred to as grit.
2. This research was compiled by submitting Freedom of Information (FoI) requests to 205 local authorities, Transport Scotland, Northern Ireland Road Service, Transport for London and the Highways Agency.
3. District councils are not responsible for laying road salt, which is why the list is shorter than our other council surveys.
4. All information is correct as of 22nd November 2010, the date our FOI request responses were due back.
5. Table 1 shows the top ten spenders on emergency supplies of road salt in 2009-10. We decided to exclude Transport for London, Transport Scotland and Northern Ireland Roads Service as these do not make fair comparisons. However, their data is included in Table 2.

6. Table 2 provides a comprehensive breakdown of all the relevant local authorities/public bodies responsible for laying road salt.
7. While our FoI request clearly asked councils and organisations for the total salt ordered for both winter periods, some responded with what they had as a starting stock for each year, and some provided the total used. These councils have been included lower down the table. Their stock totals or usage totals are not included in the total of road salt ordered, although their emergency expenditure has been included in the overall total.
8. Our FoI request asked organisations for the total amount of road salt they ordered in 2009-10 and 2010-11, and separately for the cost of procuring road salt on an emergency basis for the last winter period (2009-10).
9. The Freedom of Information request we submitted is available to view on the last page of this research note.
10. We are not responsible for the accuracy of information contained within responses to FOIs or referrals to web pages. However, if mistakes have been made we are happy to accept any corrections.

Top 10 council spenders on emergency road salt in the 2009-10 financial year

Council/Organisation	Road Salt Ordered (Tonnes)				2010-11 Order		2009-10 Emergency Order		Notes
	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
North Yorkshire	100,000	Cleveland Potash	44,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	533,652	Cleveland Potash	
Scottish Borders	15,800	Cleveland Potash	16,800	Cleveland Potash	Apr-May 2010	Y	422,000	Cleveland Potash, Peacocks, Ineos, Geddes	
Derbyshire	11,714	Salt Union	23,707	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	331,984	Various	Emergency cost includes £133,000 on haulage
Newcastle upon Tyne	8,000	Cleveland Potash	10,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	331,400	Cleveland Potash	
Surrey	6,739	Salt Union, Spain and Broste	6,487	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	323,762	Salt Union, Spain, Broste (Morocco)	Stock levels prior to 2010-11 season 13,136t, stock levels at beginning of 2009-10 season 7,846T
Carmarthenshire	9,500	Salt Union	12,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	306,000	Salt Union & British Salt	Remaining 3900te expected November
Bradford	18,000	Salt Union	26,000	Salt Union	Mar-Apr - 10	Y	286,000	Peacock & Ineos	Of emergency salt bought 0.25 from peacock still in stock and 0.5 from Ineos still in stock
Cornwall	8,650	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	13,000	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	Apr-10	Y	277,000	-	Emergency order 9,884T for £277,000

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
East Riding of Yorkshire	21,594	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	5,700	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	Jun-10	Y	277,000	Ineos	Current stock 9,000T.
Fife	21,462	Peacock Salt Ltd	21,300	Peacock Salt Ltd. & Cleveland Potash	May & Jul - 10	Y	255,000	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	
Totals:	221,459		178,994				3,343,798		

Full breakdown of road salt ordering and emergency expenditure for the 2009-10 and 2010-11 financial years

Council/Organisation	Road Salt Ordered (Tonnes)				2010-11 Order		2009-10 Emergency Order		Notes
	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Aberdeen City	-	Cleveland Potash	-	Cleveland Potash	Jul-10	Y	33,000	Cleveland Potash	No usable response provided for ordering figures
Angus	14,000	Peacock Salt Ltd, via Tayside Contracts	17,500	Peacock Salt Ltd, via Tayside Contracts	Apr-10	Y	137,500	Peacock Salt Ltd, UK & Tunisia	11,500T received. Delivery of remaining 6,000T for Mid-November
Argyll and Bute	22,981	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	5,500	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	Aug-10	Y	0	-	Have received 3,500T of 5,500T order, remainder by Dec 2010.
Barking and Dagenham	2,000	Salt Union	2,850	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	0	-	
Barnet	2,077	Cleveland Potash and others	5,500	Salt Union, Cleveland Potash	Apr-Oct 2010	N	81,960	Enfield, Volker Highways, Ground Control Ltd	Not known how much of order was kept during TFL control
Barnsley	7,500	Salt Union	9,250	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	<i>Refused</i>	Salt Union	1,100 emergency tonnes, cost commercially sensitive
Bath and North East Somerset	4,590	Salt Sales Co, Atkins and adjacent councils	2,000	Salt Sales Co	Jun-10 & Nov-10	N	11,000	215T Adjacent Councils - Approx £7000 200T Term Contractor Atkins - Approx £4000	
Bedford Borough	9,000	Salt Union	9,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	-	0	-	Joint order with Central Bedfordshire Council

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Bexley	1,900	Cleveland Potash	2,600	Cleveland Potash	Sep-10	Y	0	-	
Birmingham	12,000	Salt Union	6,900	Salt Union & Nationwide Gritting Services - Via Amey	Jul-10	N	16,500	Walsall and Dorset councils.	60% delivered so far
Blackburn with Darwen	2,500	Salt Union	2,500	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	8,050	Armstrong for 700 tonnes	
Blackpool	-	Salt Union	-	Salt Union	Mar & Oct-10	N	38,500	Salt Union	No usable response provided for ordering figures
Blaenau Gwent	3,275	Salt Union and Irish Salt Sales	11,589	Salt Union	Apr, Jul & Oct - 10	Y	75,051	Irish Salt Sales & Salt Union	
Bolton	3,500	Salt Union	4,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	Salt Cell-	
Bournemouth	600	Salt Union	800	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
Bracknell Forest	1,250	Salt Union	1,550	Salt Union	Spring-Summer - 10	Y	0	-	
Bradford	18,000	Salt Union	26,000	Salt Union	Mar-Apr - 10	Y	286,000	Peacock & Ineos	Of emergency salt bought 0.25 from peacock still in stock and 0.5 from Ineos still in stock
Brent	2,000	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	6,300	TfL 180	
Bridgend	2,000	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	45,500	Irish Salt Sales	
Brighton and Hove	1,900	Cleveland Potash	1,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	N	0	-	Due 1st November

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Bristol	1,000	Salt Union	2,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	6,000	400t from neighbouring authority - handling and transport cost 6000	
Bromley	6,000	Cleveland Potash	10,200	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	N	0	-	
Buckinghamshire	9,244	Salt Union & Peacock	9,400	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	130,670	Salt Union, Peacock Salt	
Bury	4,159	Salt Union	2,500	Salt Union	Aug-10	N	<i>Unclear</i>	Salt Union	For emergency order total salt spend (£129,522.61) given
Caerphilly	4,816	Salt Union	7,500	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	75,000	British Salt	Had to buy 750 tonnes of pure salt on emergency basis
Calderdale	13,200	Salt Union	17,000	Salt Union	May-10	Y	165,000	Salt Union, Bradford Council, Leeds Council, Highways Agency, Cleveland Potash	4,407T of emergency salt
Cambridgeshire	11,779	Salt Union & Peacock	7,200	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	64,725	Peacock Salt through EPSO	1,212.76T on emergency basis 2009/10, through ESPO, from Peacock @ £53.37PT
Cardiff	3,325	Salt Union	2,600	Salt Union	Aug-10	Y	11,935	Salt Union & WAG	
Carmarthenshire	9,500	Salt Union	12,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	306,000	Salt Union & British Salt	Remaining 3,900T expected Nov

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Central Bedfordshire	<i>Shared with Bedford Borough</i>								
Ceredigion	4,300	Salt Union	8,500	Salt Union	May & Aug -10	N	40,000	Welsh Assembly	1,000T outstanding
Cheshire West and Chester	6,225	Salt Union	3,800	Salt Union	Summer 2010	Y	-	Salt Union	£332,000 total spend for 2009-10 provided for emergency spend
City of London	256	Salt Union	180	Salt Union	Aug-10	Y	825	Salt Union	20 tonnes of emergency
Clackmannanshire	2,542	Salt Union	3,457	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	27,800	Salt Union	
Conwy	8,500	Salt Union	11,000	Salt Union	May-10	Y	121,000	Welsh Assembly Salt Cell	4,100T emergency supply
Cornwall	8,650	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	13,000	Irish Salt Mining and Exploration Ltd	Apr-10	Y	277,000	-	9,884T for £277,000
Coventry	5,800	Salt Union	4,500	Salt Union	Apr & Aug -10	N	77,000	-	
Croydon	2,400	Cleveland Potash	4,450	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	<i>Refused</i>	-	1,000te, cost refused s43 commercial interests
Cumbria	Open Order	Salt Union	Open Order + 5000	Salt Union & Peacock	Jun-10	N	87,000	British Salt	
Darlington	6,100	Cleveland Potash	5,850	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	41,800	Cleveland Potash	
Derby	2,731	Salt Union	2,200	Salt Union	May & Oct -10	N	11,109	Lincolnshire Council, Johnsons Aggregates & Highways Agency	Emergency: Lincolnshire £50.17 per tonne, Johnsons £86.00 plus 40T from HA at undisclosed price

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Derbyshire	11,714	Salt Union	23,707	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	331,984	Various	Includes £133,000 on haulage for emergency salt
Devon	22,400	Irish Salt Sales	17,500	Irish Salt Sales	Mar-10	Y	0	-	Option for another 10,000T
Doncaster	4,500	Salt Union	7,000	Salt Union	Mar & Jul - 10	N	36,700	British Salt & Ineos	
Dorset	12,000	Salt Union & Irish Salt Sales	12,000	Salt Union & Irish Salt Sales	May & Jul - 10	Y	0	-	
Dudley	3,550	Salt Union	6,000	Salt Union	Feb-10	Y	68,077	British Salt & Midland Quarry Products	
Dumfries and Galloway	5,500	Salt Union	7,500	Salt Union	May-10-Jul-10	Y	0	-	
Durham	26,800	Cleveland Potash	40,000	Cleveland Potash	May & Jun - 10	Y	0	-	
East Dunbartonshire	8,000	Irish Salt Sales & Peacock	5,500	Irish Salt Sales	Jun & Aug - 10	N	<i>Refused</i>	-	Bulk of order has been received
East Lothian	6,000	Cleveland Potash	5,300	Cleveland Potash	Aug & Sep - 10	N	42,117	British Salt & Ineos	
East Renfrewshire	6,611	Salt Sales Ltd & Peacock	4,630	Salt Sales Ltd	Jun-10	Y	5,573	Peacock	
East Riding of Yorkshire	21,594	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	5,700	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	Jun-10	Y	277,000	Ineos	Current stock 9,000T.
East Sussex	6,000	Cleveland Potash	6,000	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	Y	<i>Not Held</i>	-	Council pays contractor per length of road salted. Current stock 10,000T.
Edinburgh	10,000	Cleveland Potash	3,750	Cleveland Potash	Apr & Aug - 10	Y	0	-	All depots full

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Eilean Siar	10,789	Irish Salt Sales	9,500	Irish Salt Sales	Jul-10	Y	<i>Not Clear</i>	Irish Salt Sales	
Enfield	1,000	Salt Union	1,800	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	62,000	Yeoman Aggregates	
Falkirk	-	Salt Union	-	Salt Union	N/A	Y	45,123	Scottish Government	Buy salt on an ad hoc basis, from a stocked salt dome
Fife	21,462	Peacock Salt Ltd	21,300	Peacock Salt Ltd. & Cleveland Potash	May & Jul - 10	Y	255,000	Cleveland Potash & Ineos	
Gateshead	15,000	Cleveland Potash	20,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	N	39,500	Cleveland Potash	Emergency basis – 500T purchased at £79 PT
Glasgow City	13,000	Salt Sales	23,000	Salt Sales	Unclear	N	0	-	12,347.29T of granite grit procured on an emergency basis
Greenwich	2,000	Cleveland Potash	1,700	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	Y	0	-	
Gwynedd	20,000	Salt Union	18,780	Salt Union	Apr & Sep - 10	N	56,000	Ice Thaw	
Hackney	150	Salt Union via highway maintenance contractor	300	Salt Union via highway maintenance contractor	May-10	Y	0	-	
Halton	3,321	Peacock & Salt Union	1,200	Peacock	Jul-10	Awaiting new barn	67,297	Neighbouring Authorities Salt Union via Salt Cell	
Hampshire	20,000	Salt Union	19,900	Salt Union	Nov-10	N	0	-	Remainder by end Nov
Haringey	850	Cleveland Potash	1,000	Cleveland Potash	Aug-10	Y	0	-	

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Harrow	1,000	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	0	-	Remaining deliveries due 15th November
Havering	1,860	Salt Union	1,500	Salt Union	Apr, Sep & Oct - 10	N	18,000	TfL	TfL sold £9000 worth of grit and incurred the additional £9000 in haulage costs
Herefordshire	10,831	Salt Union and Bliss Aggregates via Amey	5,350	Salt Union & Peacock via local authority framework	May-Jul 2010	Y	102,400	-	Emergency Supplier not provided
Hertfordshire	16,056	Salt Union via Amey	12,000	Salt Union via Amey	Summer - 10	N	192,240	Mostly Salt Union, 1000T from another supplier	
Highland	40,000	Irish Salt Sales	50,000	Irish Salt Sales	Jun-10	N	0	-	
Highways Agency	<i>Did not respond</i>								
Hillingdon	2,600	Cleveland Potash & Salt Union	3,125	Cleveland Potash	Aug-10	N	29,260	679T (£23,765) 'Salt Cell', 57T (£1,995.16) Hounslow Council & 100T (£3,500) Wandsworth Council	
Inverclyde	4,053	Irish Salt Sales	1,600	Irish Salt Sales	Sep-10	N	117,338	-	1,000 on order as required. 600 delivered
Isle of Anglesey	4,000	Salt Union	4,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	35,000	Salt Union	Emergency cost approximate

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Isle of Wight	1,380	Salt Union via Ringway Infrastructure Services	1,200	Salt Union via Ringway Infrastructure Services	May-10	N	0	-	
Islington	850	Salt Union	275	Salt Union	Feb-Mar 2010	Y	0	-	
Kensington and Chelsea	392	Cleveland Potash	84	Cleveland Potash	Sep-10	Y	6,895	TfL & Hammersmith and Fulham	
Kent	19,000	Salt Union	23,000	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	0	-	
Kingston upon Hull, City of	3,000	Cleveland Potash	3,200	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	Y	<i>Refused</i>	Cleveland Potash	Emergency cost - commercially sensitive - 1,608 tonnes purchased
Kingston upon Thames	<i>Did not respond</i>								
Kirklees	13,100	Salt Union	25000	Salt Union & Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	43,339	Wiltshire CC and Highways Agency	
Knowsley	3,258	Salt Union	1,202	Salt Union	May & Jul-10	Y	96,641	Salt Union	All remaining salt to be delivered w/c 22/11
Lambeth	700	Salt Union	700	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	0	-	
Lancashire	18,500	Salt Union	25,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
Leeds	21,000	Cleveland Potash	25,000	Cleveland Potash	Mar-10	N	13,400	£9000 Cleveland Potash, £4400 Peacock	18,500T received, remainder w/c 15/11
Leicester	2,184	Salt Union	2,420	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
Leicestershire	11,300	Salt Union and Peacocks	13,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	68,900	Peacocks	1,300 tonnes from Peacocks on emergency basis

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Lewisham	53	Salt Union	750	Salt Union	Sep-10	N	11,655	TfL	2009/10. At the start of the winter season Lewisham had a total stock of around 1400T - Salt Union. Salt Union delivered a further 53T during the season before salt deliveries were centrally controlled: TfL then managed distribution and we received a further 333 tonnes. Approximately 300 tonnes remained in stock at the end of the season. Thus our total usage was approximately 1450-1500 tonnes.
Lincolnshire	33,000	Salinity	30,600	Salinity	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
Liverpool	4,074	Salt Union	3,500	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	105,290	Salt Union	
Luton	2,400	Salt Union	1,900	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	27,072	Aggregate Industries, Safecote	Initial 08/09 order 1,400T, increased to 2,400T.
Medway	1,500	Salt Union via Volker Highways	4,500	Salt Union via Volker Highways	Mar-10	Y	15,963	Salt Union, British Salt	Received 70T from the Highways Agency and 60T from Kent County Council.
Merthyr Tydfil	2,300	Salt Union	2,300	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	42,726	Salt Union, Bliss Aggregates	Salt Union , 1,100 tonnes £32,005 Bliss Aggregates 100 tonnes £10,721
Merton	2,000	Salt Union	2,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	0	-	200T of mutual aid to other London boroughs
Middlesbrough	6,264	Cleveland Potash	3,000	Cleveland Potash	Jul-10	Y	137,000	Cleveland Potash	

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Midlothian	5,000	Cleveland Potash	6,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	N	52,000	British Salt, INEOS	Order to be completed by the end of November 2010
Milton Keynes	4,929	Salt Union	4,500	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	64,000	Salt Union	1,500T delivered w/c 30/10/10 and the remainder will be delivered w/c 28/11/10 when the new salt barn construction is completed."
Monmouthshire	9,800	Salt Union, Bliss Aggregates	5,500	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	19,600	Bliss Aggregates	
Moray	18,324	Irish Salt	14,000	Irish Salt	Mar-Sep 10	N	62,535	Scottish Government	
Neath Port Talbot	8,000	Irish Salt Sales	6,000	Irish Salt Sales	Summer 2010	Y	<i>Refused</i>	<i>Refused</i>	4,000 tonnes of road salt has already been delivered - to take delivery of 2,000T December
Newcastle upon Tyne	8,000	Cleveland Potash	10,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	331,400	Cleveland Potash	
Newport	4,200	<i>Not Provided</i>	3,400	<i>Not Provided</i>	Jul-10	N	-	<i>Not provided</i>	
Norfolk	27,000	Salt Union	16,400	Salt Union	Jul-10	Y	0	-	
North Ayrshire	10,563	Salt Sales NI	7,600	Salt Sales NI	Apr - Sep - 10	N	0	-	
North East Lincolnshire	2,500	Holme Dodsworth	2,000	Holme Dodsworth	Jul-10	Y	9,300	Cleveland Potash	
North Lanarkshire	38,100	Irish Salt Mining Company Ltd	10,700	Irish Salt Mining Company Ltd	Aug-10	Y	<i>All salt is purchased by contracted supplier</i>	<i>All salt is purchased by contracted supplier</i>	
North Lincolnshire	4,500	Cleveland Potash	3,500	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	0	-	

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
North Tyneside	0	-	3,000	Holme Dodsworth	Aug-10	Y	0	-	Did not order any for 2009-10 as had sufficient stock
North Yorkshire	100,000	Cleveland Potash	44,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	533,652	Cleveland Potash	
Northern Ireland Roads Service	32,000	Irish Salt Sales	47,000	Irish Salt Sales	Apr-10	All but 800 tonnes while make room in depot	0	-	
Northamptonshire	11,000	Salt Union	12,000	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	0	-	Emergency: all salt was delivered through the Salt Cell which was reported through GOEM. Received 300T from Highway Agency which will be replenished this winter.
Nottingham	7,140	Cleveland Potash Limited and Burdens Limited	3,164	Cleveland Potash Limited and Burdens Limited	Apr-Sep 2010	Y	0	-	09/10 includes salt stored here for use by a neighbouring authority
Oldham	7,238	Salt Union	7,304	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	78,943	Salt Union	
Orkney Islands	5,902	Salt Sales NI	4,500	Salt Sales NI	May-10	Y	0	-	
Oxfordshire	<i>Not Held</i>	<i>Not Held</i>	5,840	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	5,720	Other Highway Authorities & Peacock Salt	
Pembrokeshire	8,700	Salt Union	6,350	Salt Union	April-June 2010	N	50,000	INEOS	
Perth and Kinross	23,000	Cleveland Potash	24,700	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	N	0	-	15,700 T so far delivered

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Peterborough	2,250	Salt Union	1,800	Salt Union	May-Sep 2010	N	4,500	Cambridgeshire CC through Salt Cell	1,500T delivered September 2010 further 300T due
Plymouth	950	Amey	750	Amey	Aug-10	N	0	-	PFI - annual lump sum of £434,681 for entire winter service.
Poole	1,200	Salt Union	1,200	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	0	-	
Portsmouth	850	Via their contractor Colas	850	Via their contractor Colas	Jul-10	Y	<i>Refused</i>	<i>Refused</i>	Information on emergency salt supply refused because dealt with through PFI
Powys	31,000	Salt Union	21,000	Salt Union	Apr-Sep 2010	N	0	-	
Redbridge	400	Salt Union	1,550	Salt Union	Apr-Oct 2010	N	17,050	TfL & Barking and Dagenham	
Redcar and Cleveland	-	Cleveland Potash	-	Cleveland Potash	Sep-10	-	-	-	Each year Redcar and Cleveland places an order for salt to the value of £100,000, partners Carillion then draw off this order as and when required
Renfrewshire	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	<i>Unusable response</i>
Rhondda, Cynon, Taff	8,900	Salt Union and Peacocks	8,500	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	150,000	Peacocks	
Richmond upon Thames	2,000	Salt Union	1,500	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	Supplied Camden Council with 98T and Enfield Council with 239Ton emergency basis.
Rochdale	3,962	Salt Union	5,000	Salt Union	Jun - Oct - 10	N	0	-	4,000T delivered, further 1,000T to be delivered in December

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Rotherham	4,000	Salt Union	6,000	Salt Union	Jun-10	Remainder due Nov	72,947	Ringway Infrastructure Services (£33,374) Salinity UK (£9,625) Direct Salt (£9,342) Bliss Aggregates (£15,800) Highways Agency via Aone+ (£4,806)	Rebuilding highways depot, 2,000 delivered in August, remainder in November upon completion of new depot
Rutland	2,300	Cleveland Potash	3,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	0	-	
Salford	4,994	Salt Union	1,575	Salt Union	Sep-10	Y	0	-	
Sandwell	5,000	Salt Union	4,200	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	2,000T remaining from 2009-10
Sefton	586	Salt Union	525	Salt Union	May-10	Y	0	-	900 is the maximum capacity,, the response does not state whether they are full at the beginning of each winter period
Sheffield	8,485	Salt Union	16,200	Salt Union	May-10	Y	<i>All additional orders made through contracted supplier</i>	Salt Union	

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Shropshire	15,000	Salt Union	22,000	Salt Union and Peacock Salt	Mar-Sep 10	Y	147,000	Peacock Salt	
Slough	750	Salt Union	300	Salt Union	Aug-10	Y	<i>Not Known</i>	-	Plus 200 tonnes in stock
Solihull	4,293	Salt Union	3,566	Salt Union	Apr & Oct - 10	N	12,390	Worcester CC and ESPO	Additional order made for 500T on 15/10/10
Somerset	9,000	Atkins	9,000	Atkins	Jun - July - 10	N	<i>Refused</i>	Atkins	7,000T delivered and 2,000T expected early November
South Ayrshire	2,436	Irish Salt Sales	3,100	Irish Salt Sales	Jun - July - 10	Y	22,264	Scottish Government	
South Gloucestershire	6,000	Irish Salt Sales	6,000	Irish Salt Sales	Mar-10	Y	0	-	
South Lanarkshire	12,500	Salt Union	21,174	Salt Union & Irish Salt Sales	May-10	Y	245,610	Transport Scotland & Peacock Salt Ltd	
South Tyneside	5,500	Cleveland Potash	7,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	28,000	<i>Did not provide</i>	
Southampton	500	Salt Union	500	Cleveland Potash	Aug-10	N	73,634	Colas	
Southend-on-Sea	800	Salt Union	1,500	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	0	-	1,000T delivered in June and 500T due November.
Southwark	950	Salt Union	1,550	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	0	-	950T delivered. 600T expected w/c 13/12/10
St. Helens	<i>Did not Respond</i>								

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Staffordshire	22,000	Salt Union	30,000	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	21,750	Salinity via the Highway Agency mutual aid	
Stirling	5,000	Peacock Salt	5,000	Irish Salt Sales	Apr-10	Y	54,650	Peacock's and Irish Salt Sales	1,900T from Peacock Salt at £23.50pt as part of the salt supply contract. Plus 400T from Irish Salt Sales at £25.00pt.
Stockport	2,200	Salt Union	3,200	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	0	-	
Stockton-on-Tees	6,260	Cleveland Potash	4,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	N	0	-	Received 3,000, 1,000 still on order
Stoke-on-Trent	4,256	Salt Union, Tarmac Ltd, Joseph Kimberley & Sons Ltd & Potteries Building Supplies Ltd	5,000	Salt Union	May & Aug - 10	N	9,577	Peacock Salt	
Suffolk	6,000	Cleveland Potash	18,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr & May - 10	N	54,000	Lincolnshire CC	
Sunderland	8,500	Holme Dodsworth	14,500	Holme Dodsworth	April - May 2010	Y	0	-	
Surrey	6,739	Salt Union & Broste	6,487	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	323,762	Salt Union, Spain, Broste (Morocco)	Stock levels prior to 2010-11 season 13,136T, stock levels at beginning of 2009-10 season 7,846T
Sutton	500	Cleveland Potash	1,500	Cleveland Potash	Oct-10	N	15,000	Cleveland Potash & TfL	

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Swansea	3,760	Salt Union, Welsh Assembly & Neath Port Talbot Council	2,500	Irish Salt Mining Company & Salt Union	Jul-10	N	18,135	Neath Port Talbot Council and Welsh Assembly	The Council have received a delivery of 2,000T. The remaining 500T delivered December.
Swindon	4,000	Salt Union	4,000	Salt Union	Summer - 10	Y	0	-	
Tameside	1,500	Salt Union	3,500	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	18,091	British Salt	
Telford and Wrekin	4,540	Salt Union, JC Peacock & Co Ltd and Highways Agency.	2,700	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	62,377	Peacock's and Highways Agency	JC Peacock & Co Ltd - £54,404, Highways Agency - £7,973
The Vale of Glamorgan	3,900	Salt Union	5,100	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	-	Bridgend Council, Welsh Assembly	Emergency: Bridgend Council 200T, Welsh Assembly 200T, cost not disaggregated from normal spend
Thurrock	818	Salt Union and Cleveland Potash	1,200	Salt Union and Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	N	0	-	Deliveries due in December 2010 & January 2011
Torbay	130	Salt Union	750	Salt Union	Jul-10	Y	15,500	Salt Union	2009-10 600T stock, 2010-11 1,000T stock
Torfaen	4,000	Salt Union and WAG mutual aid	5,800	Salt Union and Salt Sales Co	May - Oct - 10	N	44,500	Salt Union, Welsh Assembly Salt Cell	£40,000 Salt Union, £4500 WAG mutual aid; order for 2,000T for regional barn placed in October - awaiting delivery (Jan 2011)

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	2009-10	Supplier	2010-11	Supplier	Placed	Received	Cost (£)	Supplier	
Tower Hamlets	800	Salt Union	2,000	Salt Union and Peacock's	Jun-10	N	51,000	<i>Not Provided</i>	
Trafford	1,500	Salt Union	2,500	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	5,000	Salt Union	
Transport Scotland	97,057	-	47,730	Salt Union, Cleveland Potash & Irish Salt Sales	Commercial Decision taken by various companies	<i>Not Known</i>	936,884	Overseas £367,104 Ineos £569,780	
Wakefield	4,250	Salt Union	6,500	Salt Union	May-10	Y	75,234	Leeds City Council & Cleveland Potash	
Walsall	3,000	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	0	-	
Waltham Forest	900	Cleveland Potash	1,400	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	9,500	Camden, Merton & TfL	Emergency: Camden £3,000, Merton £2,000, TfL £4,500
Wandsworth	2,000	Salt Union	1,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	N	0	-	
Warrington	2,285	Salt Union	1,100	Salt Union	Jul-10	Y	0	-	
Warwickshire	9,000	Salt Union	14,000	Salt Union	Mar-10	Y	60,000	Salt Union	
West Berkshire	4,220	Salt Union	5,000	Salt Union	Jul-10	Y	21,860	Hampshire CC (Andover Depot), West Sussex CC, HA Area 4, Wokingham DC & Medway	2009/10: Hampshire CC 80T (£1,750), West Sussex CC 200T (£5,000), HA 100T (£2,830), Wokingham DC 50T (£2,210), Medway 360T (£10,070)
West Dunbartonshire	4,000	Irish Salt Sales	5,000	Irish Salt Sales	Aug-10	Y	0	-	2,000T requested to be delivered immediately due to storage limits, remainder to be called for as required

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West Lothian	26,000	Cleveland Potash	20,000	Cleveland Potash & JC Peacock	Mar & Sep -10	Y	0	-	
West Sussex	14,000	Cleveland Potash	18,000	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	Y	0	-	13,000T delivered; 5,000T due end Oct
Westminster	35		1,237		Jul-10	Y	2,000	Merton	Emergency Salt – 50T
Wigan	1,700	Salt Union	4,000	Salt Union	Jul & Aug - 10	Y	30,000	British Salt	
Wiltshire	11,600	Salt Union	9,440	Salt Union	May-10	Y	162,000	Salt Union and Peacock	
Wirral	2,500	Salt Union	2,500	Salt Union	May-10	Y	72,220	Salt Union £68,520; other (white salt to mix with sand) £3,700	
Wokingham	500	Salt Union	1,500	Salt Union	Aug-10	Y	79,965	Day Group £14,432; British Salt £56,375; Balfour Beatty £9,158	
Wolverhampton	2,600	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Mar-10	N	0	-	400T put on hold

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Worcestershire	8,650	Salt Union	11,000	Salt Union	Apr & Jul - 10	Y	151,483	£55,000 via Ringway, Morocco sourced; £63,400 via Ringway, Morocco sourced; £33,083 Peacocks, UK	
Wrexham	7,940	Salt Union	7,000	Salt Union	May-10	N	0	-	
York	4,500	Cleveland Potash	2,500	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	Y	135,000	Cleveland Potash	
<i>The following councils provided stock figures or usage figures rather than order figures</i>									
Aberdeenshire	54,760	Cleveland Potash	40,000	Cleveland Potash	Unusable response		-	Salt Cell	Emergency: 554T ordered but no cost given
Camden	1,025	Salt Union	640	Salt Union	Aug-10	Y	<i>Not Known</i>	Salt Union via Veolia ES	
Cheshire East	15,000	Salt Union	-	Salt Union	May-10	-	35,772	British Salt	Salt ordered on ad hoc basis as located next to Salt Union's mine
Denbighshire	12,000	Salt Union	8,000	Salt Union	Jun-10	Y	0	-	
Dundee City	4,500	Cleveland Potash & Peacock	4,000	Cleveland Potash & Peacock	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
Ealing	4,300	Salt Union	4,300	Salt Union	Apr-10	Y	0	-	
East Ayrshire	6,009	Salt Sales NI	8,300	Salt Sales NI	Aug & Sep -10	Y	96,082	Peacock Salt	

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Essex	14,500	Salt Union and Cleveland Potash	12,000	Salt Union and Cleveland Potash	Summer 2010	N	<i>Refused</i>	-	
Gloucestershire	7,300	Salt Union	9,500	Salt Union	Apr-10	N	96,300	Ineos	
East Ayrshire	6,009	Irish Salt Sales	8,300	Irish Salt Sales	Aug & Sep - 10	Y	96,082	Peacock	
Flintshire	10,000	Salt Union	4,700	Salt Union	<i>Not Clear</i>	Y	<i>Refused</i>	Salt Union	
Hammersmith and Fulham	750	Cleveland Potash	900	Cleveland Potash	Jun-10	Y	875	TfL	
Hartlepool	2,800	Cleveland Potash	1,420	Cleveland Potash	Jul-10	N	0	-	
Hounslow	1,400	Salt Union & Salt Cell	1,250	Salt Union	Jul-10	N	11,130	Salt Cell	
Manchester	1,400	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Ongoing	Y	0	-	
Newham	2,000	Salt Union	3,000	Salt Union	Summer 2010	Y	0	-	
Northumberland	27,500	Cleveland Potash	33,000	Cleveland Potash	May-10	N	175,000	Cleveland Potash & mutual aid	
Nottinghamshire	19,500	Cleveland Potash	14,600	Cleveland Potash	Apr-10	N	126,600	Darlingtons, Selco, Johnson Aggregates, Tarmac, MQP	
Reading	600	Salt Union	1,200	Salt Union	Jul-10	Y	16,387	British Salt	
Scottish Borders	15,800	Cleveland Potash	16,800	Cleveland Potash	Apr-May 2010	Y	422,000	Cleveland Potash, Peacocks, Ineos, Geddes	

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Shetland Islands	13,158	Cleveland Potash	5,400	Cleveland Potash	May-10	Y	49,000	Cleveland Potash	
Transport for London	9,000	Salt Union & Cleveland Potash	18,000	Salt Union & Cleveland Potash	-	Y	400,000	Ringway Jacobs - Egypt	
Windsor and Maidenhead	1,945	Salt Union & British Salt	950	Salt Union	Jun-10	N	14,552	British Salt	2009-10 – 1,945T used, 2,305T purchased, the target is for 500T to be delivered by the end of November 2010
Totals:	1,509,129		1,482,730				10,481,527		

Freedom of information request for details of the council's stock of road salt

Dear Sir/Madam,

I am writing to obtain information about the council's stock of road salt.

To outline my query as clearly as possible, I am requesting:

1. How much road salt has been ordered for this winter period (2010-11) in tonnes?
How much road salt was ordered for last year's winter period (2009-10) in tonnes?
Please state the provider that was used in each winter period.
2. When was the order for this winter period's (2010-11) road salt placed?
3. Has all of this winter period's (2010-11) road salt been delivered?
4. How much did the council spend on purchasing road salt on an emergency basis for the last winter period (2009-10)? Please break this figure down by supplier (if the supplier was an overseas organisation, please state the country in which they are based).
5. How much road salt did the council have to supply to the Highways Agency and/or Transport for London for the last winter period (2009-10) on an emergency basis?

My preferred format to receive this information is electronically, but if that is not possible I will gladly accept letters at the address below.

I would be grateful if you would acknowledge receipt of this request as soon as possible.

Kind regards

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