



Comhairle Contae
Átha Cliath Theas

South Dublin
County Council

Winter Maintenance Plan

2026 – 2027 Season

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Recap of 2025/2026 Season

- 42 Salting Runs on all routes
- 9 Salting Runs on hill routes only
- 1950 tonnes of rock salt spread
- Lowest recorded road temperature: -4.1°C

2025 - 2026 season would be considered to have been milder and drier than average.

First 10 days of 2026 was significantly low with 34% of all salt spread in the season was during this period

SDCC experienced a wetter winter (Storm Chandra) than a cold one

2026/2027 Season

Starts – Oct 12th

Finishes – April 25th

- Gritting Runs will be generally be carried out at 7pm and/or 5am depending on forecast
- Standard spread rate will be 10g/m² but increased in the event of extreme low temperatures or snow.
- On routes where brines is being incorporated the standard spread rate will be 8g/m² and a spray rate of 10ml/m² of brine.
- Snow ploughs available for all routes but snow falls must be greater than 30mm to be effective

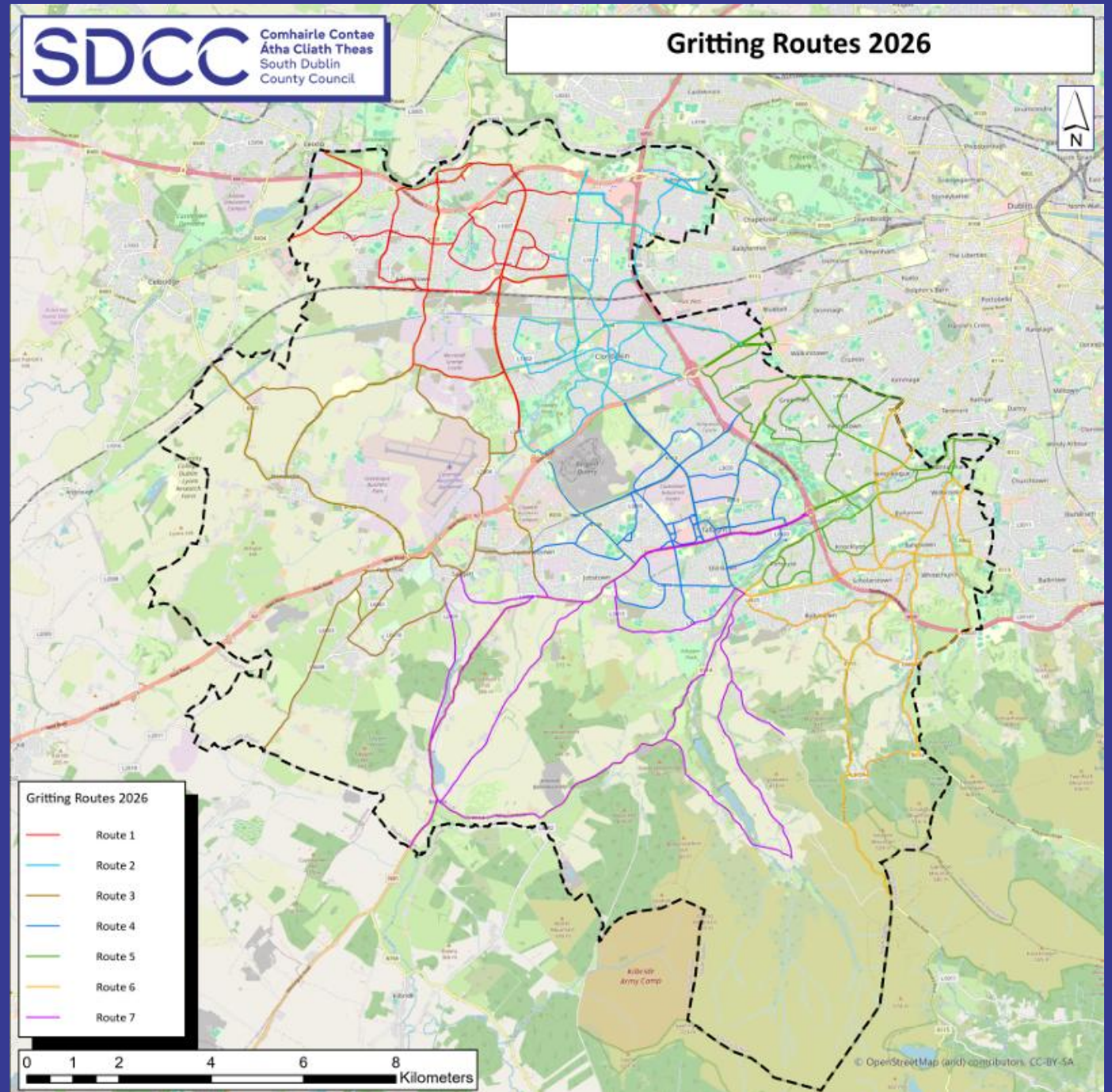
Severe Weather Prioritisation

1. National Routes & Major County Distributors
2. Normal Routes Not Included in Priority One
3. Distributor Roads in Urban Areas (No estate roads)
4. Rural Areas with Highest Number of Residences
5. Rural Areas with Low Number or Single Residences

This priority will only be altered if we get requests for assistance from emergency services.

Gritting Routes

- 7 routes within the county
- 340km of roads treated



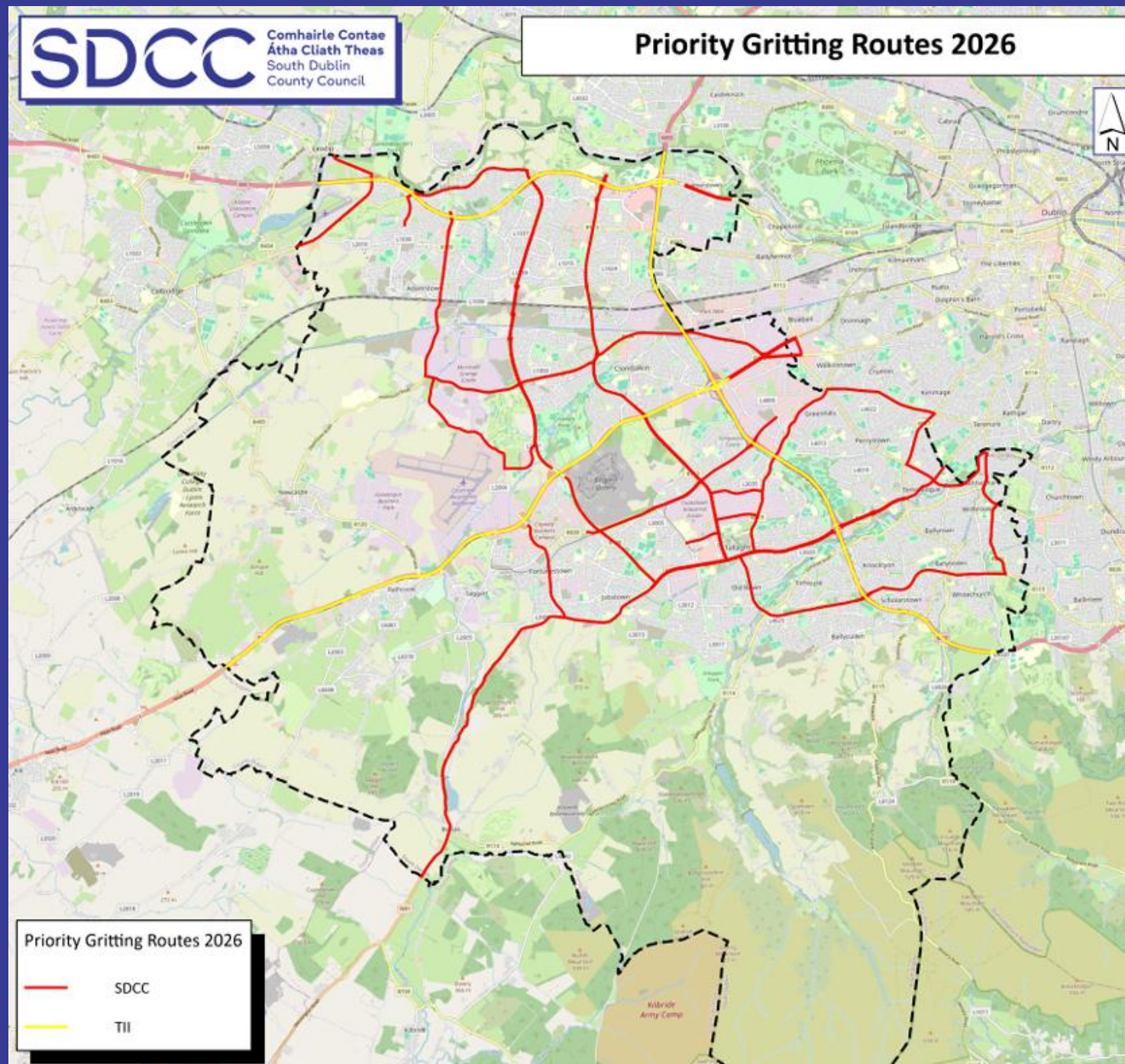
Priority Routes

-  SDCC Priority Routes
-  Private Priority Routes

Priority Routes are

- the main distributor roads to the county
- essential services such as hospitals, airport, emergency services
- food distribution points

This is a live document where locations may be added/removed depending on the severity of the weather event



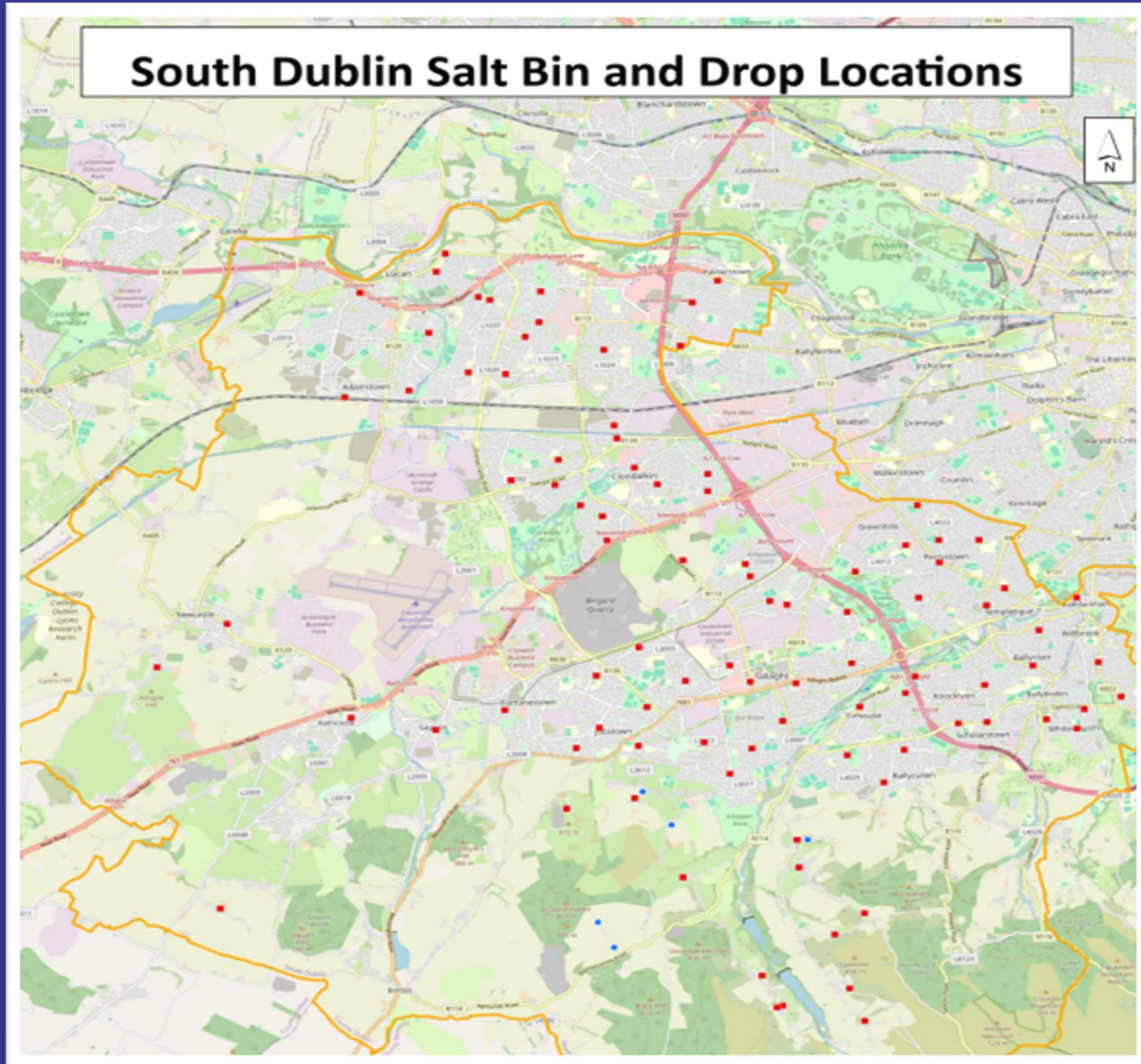
Salt Bin Locations

100 salt bins located throughout the county

Bins restocked at the start of every season and upon request following that

Salt bin locations available on SDCC website

[South Dublin Salt Bins 2024 SDCC \(arcgis.com\)](#)





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Thank you