

No.	Source	Headline	Date of the story	Summary of news story	Weather type	Weather detail (if stated)	Consequence detail	Significance Indicator	Reputation	Staff time/resource	Disruption to service or operations
1	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Fears for council grounds maintenance staff jobs	17/11/2010	Concerns given recommendation to cut 33 grounds maintenance jobs and transfer 22 more to a private company	Wintry weather	nd	Potential for less effective, more profit driven responses to wintry weather	Potentially High	Damaging	Jobs to go, privatising others	Disruption with stretching of services etc. potentially
2	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	SNP group vows to fight maintenance staff cuts	20/11/2010	Opposition SNP group at Highland Council to challenge the decision to cut 33 grounds maintenance jobs and transfer 22 more to a private company	Wintry weather	They performed to a high standard in the worst winter for 30 years and some experts are already predicting another harsh winter. Why sack them now?	Potential for less effective, more profit driven responses to wintry weather	Potentially High	Damaging	Jobs to go, privatising others	Disruption with stretching of services etc. potentially
3	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Council 'well prepared' for winter	25/11/2010	Highland Council stating they have plenty grit in stock and are prepared for the winter ahead	Wintry weather	as snow began edging into the north'	Ready for winter, however a priority system given inability to cover all roads at the same time	High	Positive?	Gritting costs, leafleting etc., cold weather payments	Disruption given inability to target all areas
4	Highland News	Lend a hand and risk being sued	25/11/2010	Concerns over suing given unclear advice for the public on path clearing etc.	Wintry weather	Clarity required on 'unlikely' and 'carefully'	Pervasive threat of suing	Medium	Damaging	Hoping to mitigate resources with public	disruption given ice etc. and legal paranoia risk
5	The Northern Times	Council sets out gritting priorities	26/11/2010	Highland Council has published route maps setting out its snow clearing and gritting priorities for its roads	Wintry weather	Repeated snowfalls and hard frosts mean that priority 1 roads need extra attention, meaning lesser priority routes took longer to be looked at last winter	Priority system so that main routes are cleared first	High	Positive? (transparency)	Gritting costs, leafleting etc.	Hoping to mitigate antipathy by explaining situation
6	John O'Groat Journal	Colder in my sitting room than outside'	26/11/2010	Council tenant can't afford to heat home, and is unhappy at Council efforts to resolve the issue	Wintry weather	as the winter chill bites'	Tenant forced out of house due to cold	Medium	Damaging	Costs for upgrading	Disruption to service user
7	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Highland Council computer systems K'Od by burst pipe	30/11/2010	News that the Highland Council internet and email systems were out of action due to burst pipes. Also other disruption charted, e.g. travel	Wintry weather	nd	Total of 95 schools closing on 29th November, yet website could not be accessed, Council website email and staff access down	High	Damaging	Repair costs	Disruption for service users and staff, particularly when most needed e.g. with school closures
8	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Government to pay up as mercury falls	30/11/2010	The UK Government to give out cold weather payments to the vulnerable given the prolonged cold spell	Wintry weather	Given out when average temperatures are recorded or forecast to be 0C or lower for 7 consecutive days	Nearly 4m households set to receive payments	High	Positive	Means testing- admin etc., funds dispersed	Cold weather payments to help support vulnerable
9	The Nairnshire Telegraph	Do it yourself plea as the snow piles up	30/11/2010	Chairman of the Highland Council TECs Committee calling for people to do their bit to help clear snow etc.	Wintry weather	Snow of around 15cm in Nairn (not common)	Hoping to mitigate pressure on gritters etc.	Medium	Damaging?	Looking to help reduce costs and pressure on the	Disruption to those by lesser priority routes, yet an attempt to mitigate
10	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Flood damaged website problems all but resolved	01/12/2010	News that the Highland Council website, which had been disrupted due to flooding, is just about back to normal- only schools unable to access web, also other disruption charted, e.g. travel	Wintry weather	29/11/2010- Kinloss the coldest place in Britain at - 13C, yet predictions of further snow and falls to -16C	Total of 87 schools closing on 30th November, yet website could not be accessed, Council website email and staff access down	High	Damaging	Repair costs	Disruption for service users and staff, particularly when most needed e.g. with school closures
11	West Highland Free Press	Council website back on line after burst pipe problems	02/12/2010	Council website back in action after flooding caused widespread disruption	Wintry weather	nd	Disruption for internet users- school closures a particular grievance, also external email etc.	High	Damaging	Repair costs	Disruption for service users and staff, particularly when most needed e.g. with school closures
12	Highland News	Mercury dips to -18 but roads stay open	02/12/2010	News of disruption in Ross-shire but also efforts to have' business as usual'	Wintry weather	Minus -18C at Marybank, -13.5C at Dingwall	All main roads in area open, some school closures, notably in Easter Ross	High	Positive focus	Gritting costs, childcare costs etc.	Some travel disruption with care required, concentrated school closures etc.
13	Highland News	Get a grit on roads!	02/12/2010	Highland Council has published route maps setting out its snow clearing and gritting priorities for its roads	Wintry weather	Repeated snowfalls and hard frosts mean that priority 1 roads need extra attention, meaning lesser priority routes took longer to be looked at last winter	Priority system so that main routes are cleared first	High	Positive? (transparency)	Gritting costs, leafleting etc.	Hoping to mitigate antipathy by explaining situation
14	North Star	Winter maintenance is a lifeline service	02/12/2010	North Star agreeing with Cllr Billy Barclay's call for increased resources in the Council's winter maintenance budget	Wintry weather	Hopes that 2009/10 was a freak winter, yet again a bad winter	Budget cuts yet needing to protect at all costs	High	Damaging	Costs for gritting etc. potentially to increase- other areas a cut?	Hoping to mitigate travel disruption and improve road safety
15	Ross-shire Journal	Ross battles to cope with ferocious winter blast	03/12/2010	Cataloguing of travel problems and accidents, as well as schools affected	Wintry weather	Explanation that grit loses much of its effect in temperatures below -9C	Disruption for travellers and parents and pupils	High	Damaging?	Gritting costs, emergency service costs with	Disruption for motorists and travellers, parents and pupils
16	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Delays cause chaos at Inverness airport	03/12/2010	Flight disruption given problems in London and Stornoway, as well as school closures and power problems	Wintry weather	Minus-23C on 1st December in Altnaharra	Disruption for travellers, householders affected by power failures, and parents and pupils	High	Damaging	Cost to business with London link etc., other power sources required with cost entailed etc.	Disruption for travellers, businesses and householders with weather related issues
17	John O'Groat Journal	Be a good neighbour plea	03/12/2010	Calls for members of the public to do their bit to help out in the extreme weather	Wintry weather	nd	Hoping to mitigate pressure on gritters etc.	Medium	Damaging?	Looking to help reduce costs and pressure on the	Disruption to those by lesser priority routes, yet an attempt to mitigate
18	West Highland Free Press	Transport disruptions, but west escapes the worst	03/12/2010	News of travel and schools disruption given wintry weather, as well as public events and water supplies	Wintry weather	Temperatures in some parts down to -20C	Travel disruption, school closures, householders with water and the public with event cancellations	High	Damaging	Gritting costs, emergency service costs with incidents, business costs,	Disruption to travellers and businesses in the area, school closures etc.
19	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Lessons being learned over snow, says Sturgeon	06/12/2010	Deputy First Minister calling for a solution-based approach and community cooperation in the severe weather	Wintry weather	Exceptional' weather	Looking to learn from current issues and pull together	High	Positive?	Pulling together'- hoping to reduce pressure	Disruption for school pupils, travellers etc.- hopes of mitigation
20	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Warning of worst pothole season	06/12/2010	A number of reports citing the problems associated with potholes, burst pipes, offenders helping clear areas, as well as a salt status and a rearranged wedding (see input 131)	Wintry weather	Icy blast beginning to thaw- associated problems highlighted	Potholes and burst pipes- associated problems	High	Damaging?	Offenders helping clear, yet situation extreme	Disruption for school pupils, motorists with potholes, businesses and householders with burst pipes etc.
21	The Inverness Courier	Road grit rules to be reviewed	07/12/2010	Potential to review current gritting times and potential for gritting policy rethink in general	Wintry weather	Forecast for next few days outlined	Stretching with current plans leading to calls for changes	Potentially medium	Positive?	Gritters out at all hours, extra costs with extra	Hoping to mitigate disruption
22	The Nairnshire Telegraph	True grit gets results for Fishertown	07/12/2010	Around 5 grit bins to be installed in the fishertown area of Nairn	Wintry weather	nd	Ability for local residents to clear area of snow and ice when appropriate	Medium	Positive	Public to clear paths taking burden off council	Hoping to mitigate disruption
23	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Severe weather alert issued for Highlands	07/12/2010	Issuing of a severe weather warning after a day of widespread travel disruption	Wintry weather	Heavy snow showers and subzero temperatures- some places a prediction of -20C	Widespread travel and school disruption	High	Damaging	Gritting costs, childcare costs etc., emergency service costs	Disruption to travellers and businesses in the area, school closures etc.
24	The Nairnshire Telegraph	Shopkeepers could do better	07/12/2010	Praise for council gritting yet criticism of businesses and customer access	Wintry weather	Following winter's first big snowfall	People able to walk down pavements yet difficult to access premises	Low	Damaging to businesses, yet positive for council	Potential for extra clearing facilities	Disruption for potential customers
25	Caitness Courier	Praise for snow battlers	08/12/2010	Caitness, Sutherland and Easter Ross roads and community works manager praising the efforts of his employees and explaining any disruption, with the police warning of conditions for driving.	Wintry weather	Snow and low temperatures for 10 days	Disruption for the Far North Railway Line, school closures, Wick airport disruption and extreme driving conditions with incidents	High	Positive?	Gritting costs, childcare costs etc.	Disruption to travellers and businesses in the area, school closures etc.
26	John O'Groat Journal	Drivers set to join police help group	08/12/2010	News of the strengthening partnership with the police of 'the Highland 4x4 response group'	Wintry weather	nd	Helping reduce burden on police services in the extreme conditions	Medium	Positive	Less stretched for police	Helping improve service- missing person searches, checking on vulnerable, essential deliveries etc.

27	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Ice and snow continue to cripple strath	08/12/2010	News of the boost to the ski industry in the area, as well as praise for public and business clearing efforts, however cataloguing travel and gritting disruption as well as fears for animals	Wintry weather	weather's icy grip'	Boost to area with CairnGorm and connected industries, yet calls for patience with related disruption	High	Positive?	More jobs from ski boost, yet gritting and related staff at stretch- calls for partnership between	Disruption with nature fears and transport
28	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	More snow gates could be placed on A9 to close off Slochd summit	08/12/2010	Concerns over plans to install snow gates on the A9 near the Slochd	Wintry weather	Another inch of fresh snow on Skye 7th December, Canna bay freezing over for only 3rd time in living memory, Portmahomack power failure	Fears over cutting off Badenoch and Strathspey from Inverness and Emergency Services	Potentially High	Damaging?	Police action, stretching of local services	Stretching of local services, fears over links to Inverness Emergency amenities
29	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Snow gates plan raises safety fears	08/12/2010	Concerns over plans to install snow gates on the A9 near the Slochd	Wintry weather	nd	Fears over cutting off Badenoch and Strathspey from Inverness and Emergency Services, and whether it's required at all	Highland Council Area	Damaging?	Police action, stretching of local services	Stretching of local services, fears over links to Inverness Emergency amenities
30	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Weather is snow impediment to the course of true love!	08/12/2010	A couple whose travel plans were disrupted for their wedding planned in Inverness managed to get married in Aviemore	Wintry weather	It's sod's law; the worst weather in 20 years, and we plan our wedding right in the middle of it!	Alternative plans leading to a memorable occasion	Low	Positive	Registrar costs, hotel staff etc.	Coming to aid- small disruption
31	Lochaber News	Big freeze halts fuel supplies	09/12/2010	Fuel supply problems, school closures, bus disruption yet skiing sector benefitting	Wintry weather	Early snowfall- early start to ski season	Disruption for fuel customers, pupils, parents and staff, yet outdoor enthusiasts benefitting, if can travel to ski centres	Medium	Damaging	Haulier costs- delays, clearing costs etc.	Forecourts and customers disrupted, school closure disruption, bus delays and cancellations, but ski season benefitting
32	West Highland Free Press	Icy conditions continue to cause havoc in Highlands	09/12/2010	School, travel and supply (fuel a major aspect) disruption continuing	Wintry weather	nd	Disruption for fuel customers, pupils, parents and staff and commuters etc.	Medium	Damaging	Haulier costs- delays, clearing costs etc.	Forecourts and customers disrupted, school closure disruption, trains and planes delays and
33	Highland News	Snow chaos in south hits city food supplies	09/12/2010	Reports from stores in Highland of supply problems, as well as school and travel updates	Wintry weather	deep freeze', expectation of further plummeting	Delays- increase in time and money, customer disruption	High	Damaging	Haulier costs- delays, clearing costs etc.	Lack of items for customers, lost profit to retailer
34	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Museum doors are latest victim of blocked A9	09/12/2010	Inverness Museum and Art Gallery doors unable to open its electric doors, with engineers unable to get up from Falkirk due to the weather	Wintry weather	nd	Closed for nearly a week	Medium	Damaging	Closing of museum- staff not utilised, 1 thing scuppering whole operation	One of the few cultural amenities of the winter out of action
35	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Highland oil and gas deliveries in crisis	09/12/2010	Highland fuel suppliers facing disruption with weather, also school closures, yet gritting supplies sufficient	Wintry weather	Arctic weather'	Disruption for fuel customers, pupils, parents and staff,	High	Damaging	Gleaner using 4x4s, as outside main roads difficult	Disruption for fuel customers, pupils, parents and staff
36	The Northern Times	Sutherland shivers into its third week blanketed in snow	10/12/2010	Road, school and water disruption catalogued as Sutherland entered its third week of wintry weather	Wintry weather	Snowfalls of 5-10 cm per day and temperatures dropping to minus 6c most nights	Wintry weather disrupting schools, roads and water supplies, though a positive tone to efforts etc.	High	Positive?	80 strong workforce with 40 drivers fully occupied with 22 gritters	Disruption to businesses and householders with schools, roads and water problems
37	John O'Groat Journal	Schools closing 'too soon' when snow strikes	10/12/2010	Caitheess Councillor Robert Coghill criticising the societal timidity and pressure on headteachers to close schools with the wintry weather	Wintry weather	If this weather continues for another month will we carry on	Proposing school board etc to decide if to close, and more effort for people to make it to school	Medium	Damaging	Cllr Bill Fernie, chair of Education, Culture and Sport committee, stating board plans unworkable, though accepting that he	School closures deemed too regular- childcare costs etc
38	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Motorists urged to take care on roads	10/12/2010	Warnings given of predicted roads difficulties as well as previous disruption, with schools and bus services disrupted, as well as a shortage of oil for heating	Wintry weather	Some drifts as high as 3ft, severe weather warning, though some signs of a thaw	Travel, school and heating disruption	High	Positive?	Road clearing costs, schools etc., shortage of oil and gas in area	School disruption- childcare costs etc., road disruption- businesses etc., fears over elderly with heating shortages
39	The Inverness Courier	Thaw takes hold, but more snow on the way	10/12/2010	Assurances from Highland Council that they are on track with salt supplies for the winter, as well as news of travel, supplies and water disruption, and warnings to remove icicles and to be careful around frozen bodies of water	Wintry weather	Iceicle threats etc. with recent thaw	Salt supplies- mitigating disruption yet travel and water disruption	High	Damaging?	Less pressure for clearing staff with adequate salt supplies, clearing trains etc. and Scottish Water	Disruption for businesses and householders with food and water supply disruption. Travel disruption widespread
40	The Inverness Courier	Freeze delays building work	10/12/2010	Delays to the building of 24 new affordable homes	Wintry weather	Snow and freezing temperatures combination	Building halted	Low	Damaging?	Staff unable to work on it, money with delays	Potential for delays and extra costs yet officials insist it will not delay completion before December
41	The Northern Times	Offenders 'pay back' society by clearing snow	10/12/2010	News of teams doing community service helping clearing and gritting efforts	Wintry weather	nd	Aiding more vulnerable members of the community- clearing at care homes etc.	Medium	Positive	Supervision costs	Helping mitigate disruption, particularly for vulnerable citizens
42	The Oban Times	Roads and pavements 'treacherous'	10/12/2010	Disruption catalogued given the wintry weather on gritting and clearing	Wintry weather	Temperature down to -13C near Fort William	Householders feeling neglected and disrupted	Medium	Damaging	Staff stretching to cover all the roads	Isolation of vulnerable residents, Ardgor cleared though
43	North Star	Is the council coping?	10/12/2010	A public meeting publicised for 14th December to outline the councils winter maintenance and gritting priorities	Wintry weather	Readiness for the rest of the winter	Inform public of a system whereby it is impossible to treat every road at the same time	Medium	Positive?	Staff for meeting, hoping to inform of situation- long term benefit?	Looking to inform of efforts to mitigate disruption
44	Highland News	Slippery advice on snow clearing	10/12/2010	The plea for the Highland public to clear their immediate area reported as having unclear provision regarding potential suing etc	Wintry weather	nd	Lack of clarity on issue potentially detracting householders in a 'compensation-crazy era'	Medium	Damaging	Helping reduce burden of clearers, yet potential litigation costs	Helping mitigate disruption yet potential legal wrangle disruption
45	The Scotsman	It is your duty to clear snow outside home'	11/12/2010	An appeal by the First Minister for the public to clear snow in their immediate area, also news of flooding and burst pipes, as well as other disruption	Wintry weather	A thaw presenting its own problems with flooding and burst pipes	Public urged to clear own paths and pavements	High	Damaging?	Public to clear paths taking burden off council etc, however as previous article, requiring salt etc,	Flooding- disruption to residents, public clearing mitigating to an extent, a chance to clear transport problems etc.- services getting back to normal
46	The Herald	Concern over plans to privatise national coastguard service	13/12/2010	Cost-cutting measures of reducing coastguard stations and privatise the search and rescue helicopter fleet	Storm	nd	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Damaging	Potential for jobs to go (projected 250), and remaining centres to have	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
47	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Highlands and islands council leaders join fight to save tugs	14/12/2010	Leaders of Shetland, Orkney, Highland and Western Isles councils uniting in opposition to the removal of tugs at Stornoway and Fair Isle	Storm	nd	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go, and remaining centres to have a broader remit, less responsive	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
48	The Herald	Councils fighting to keep vital tugs	14/12/2010	Leaders of Shetland, Orkney, Highland and Western Isles councils uniting in opposition to the removal of tugs in Northern and Western Isles	Storm	nd	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go, and remaining centres to have a broader remit,	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
49	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Scots warned to be prepared as Arctic blast is on the way	14/12/2010	Warnings to public of the wintry conditions forecast, and news of roads disruption	Wintry weather	Prediction that could drop as low as -10 degrees Celsius, and up to 7 inches of snow in places	Preparations underway to prevent a repeat of hundreds stranded in vehicles	High	Positive?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather	Disruption to businesses and householders
50	The Nairnshire Telegraph	Watermillers help out in the snow and ice	14/12/2010	Disability care group helping clear snow and ice	Wintry weather	Subzero temperatures	Reducing burden on council clearing	Low	Positive	Council providing grit, but helping reduce their	Helping elderly in care homes and residences independence and access
51	The Inverness Courier	Empty grit bins blamed on council officials	14/12/2010	Criticism of TECS not providing grit for local grit bins	Wintry weather	We've got the whole winter to go yet'	People urged to clear own paths but limited if don't have access to salt etc.	High	Damaging	Community could help spread burden of gritters, yet cost of salt, as well as possibility of some	Disruption to businesses and householders with snow and ice
52	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Arctic blast to test new minister's action plan	15/12/2010	New Transport Minister Keith Brown setting out 6 point action plan to deal with severe weather- key locations for extra salt and grit, electronic road signs for applicable diversions, adapt suitable vehicles to clear snow, remove central barriers on trun	Wintry weather	Forecast for end of week predicting heavy snow	Weather providing test for action plan	High	Positive?	Extra costs and stretching with such events, however coordination potential promising	Disruption to businesses and householders predicted, however such measures may help mitigate

53	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Council offers assurances on salt supplies	15/12/2010	Assurances from Highland Council that they are on track with salt supplies for the winter	Wintry weather	Statement that salt working most effectively in area of plus or minus 2 degrees, and so a salt/sand combo for severe conditions	Meaning less potential for disruption from severe weather	High	Positive	Gritting staff, cost of salt etc.	Looking to mitigate disruption
54	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Offenders pitch in to clear paths	15/12/2010	Young offenders helping to clear paths in Grantown of snow and ice	Wintry weather	nd	Helping reduce burden on council services and hand work effective for impacted ice etc.	Medium	Positive	Supervision costs	Helping mitigate disruption, particularly for pedestrians
55	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Warnings over extreme weather	16/12/2010	Warnings over potential icy roads and school closures	Wintry weather	Met Office issuing a severe weather warning, some areas predicted to fall to -6 degrees Celsius, and up to 4 inches of snow with gale force winds	Bus and train disruption confirmed on 16th and usual road safety warnings	High	Positive?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather	Disruption to businesses and householders
56	North Star	Freeze Shuts Dingwall Loos	16-Dec	Frozen pipes causing closure of Dingwall public toilets	Wintry weather	Sub-zero weather	Public disruption	Medium	Damaging	Repair costs	Disruption to public- highlighting coach trips
57	West Highland Free Press	Lochcarron gritting team still below strength	16/12/2010	Lochcarron area being gritted by only 2, with advertisement for other position fruitless	Wintry weather	nd	Stretching for remaining gritters	Medium	Damaging	Potential further stretching of staff with	Potential roads disruption with less effective actions
58	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Backlash over coastguard bases revamp	17/12/2010	Government proposals of cuts to coastguard service	Storm	nd	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go, and remaining centres to have a broader remit	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
59	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Heating oil rationing threat in big freeze	17/12/2010	Oil delivery delays given cold snap	Wintry weather	nd	Fears over loss of heating for thousands of homes	Potentially High	Damaging	Stretching of resources - low supply and high demand	Potential for serious shortages and risks to health of consumers given lack of heating etc.
60	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Schools close as snowfalls blanket the Highlands	17/12/2010	News of travel and schools disruption given wintry weather	Wintry weather	Significant snow showers, ice and high winds in mainland Highland	Pupils sent home from school early etc., people unable to travel	High	Damaging	Unknown- clearing thoroughfares etc.	Potential adverse effects to businesses, disruption to timetables and householders for childcare etc.
61	Ross-shire Journal	Snowplough is target of raiders	17/12/2010	News of the theft of a large Highland Council snow plough	Wintry weather	Anticipated snow drifts	Road clearing operation potentially hampered	Potentially High	Damaging	Requiring replacement if not returned- expense	Need all the equipment that the Council have- potential for less effective service without
62	John O'Groat Journal	Road crews prepare for Arctic conditions	17/12/2010	News of road crew preparations for expected wintry weather	Wintry weather	Wind-chill factor a real issue	If forecast realistic, likely to be in for a difficult period	Potentially High	Positive?	20 grams of ice per sq. m - quite a high level- expense, potential for	Potential to mitigate adverse effects on businesses and householders
63	Ross-shire Journal	Easter Ross left exposed by loss of gritter	17/12/2010	News that a 4x4 gritter severely damaged in weather will be out of action for at least 8 weeks	Wintry weather	exceptional' cold blast	Worry over potential less effective response to heavy snowfall	Potentially High	Damaging	Potential stretching of existing gritters	Potential adverse effects on businesses and householders with a less effective response
64	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Lorries will make way for gritters	22/12/2010	An agreement between road haulage organisations and the Scottish Government for lorries to allow priority to gritters on Scotland's roads	Wintry weather	nd	Help to let gritters have clear access to remove snow and ice on major routes	Potentially High	Positive	Less deliveries etc. in short-term potentially	Disruption for lorry drivers and those dependent on them in short-term, however longer term benefit via clear roads
65	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Volunteers brave bitter winter nights to aid revellers	22/12/2010	Street Pastors giving out hot chocolate and thermal blankets to festive partygoers	Wintry weather	nd	Help to ward off hypothermia	Medium	Positive	Volunteers, yet cost of blankets etc.	Complementing night-time festive economy
66	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Harsh weather delays leisure centre refurbishment	06/01/2011	Delays to refurbishment of Lochaber Leisure Centre	Wintry weather	unprecedented early winter weather' partly to blame	Scheduled to open just before Christmas however mid-February now estimated, not completed until end of May	Medium	Damaging	Extra costs due to delays	Disruption to service users
67	West Highland Free Press	Council has adequate supply of road salt	06/01/2011	News that the Highland Council has almost double the amount of road salt in stock compared with this time last year	Wintry weather	Even after second-coldest December on record	Further supplies required if wintry weather continues	Medium	Positive?	Potential stretching of staff and salt with longer period of wintry weather	Potential disruption with roads etc.
68	The Inverness Courier	Rationing of road salt continues as winter bites back	07/01/2011	News that the conservation measures from before Christmas are still in place given lack of supply and weather	Wintry weather	Weather being quite changeable- reactive	Conservation measures in place	Medium	Damaging	Potential stretching of staff and salt with longer	Disruption to businesses and householders throughout the north
69	The Northern Times	More road salt on way	07/01/2011	News of extra road salt deliveries to deal with wintry weather	Wintry weather	Rain, sleet and snow requiring repeated treatment	Careful management of salt stock required	Medium	Positive?	Potential stretching of staff and salt with longer	Disruption to businesses and householders throughout the north
70	Sunday Times	Winter road budget cut 'reckless'	09/01/2011	Criticism of the Scottish Government's draft budget's cut to the winter maintenance budget despite recent harsh winters	Wintry weather	Difficult circumstances such as -11 or 12 degrees with compacted ice highlighted	Critics call for more spending on clearing and gritting	Potentially High	Damaging	Potential stretching of resources, figure of 36% of Scotland's roads	Cuts reducing services- closures of M8 etc. potentially again
71	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Transerv forced to borrow grit from council	11/01/2011	North trunk road maintainers having to borrow grit from council	Wintry weather	Highlighting difficulties with changing conditions and ice etc.	Justification of good practice and sharing services	Medium	Damaging headline, however a statement that it is very much a 'local reciprocal arrangement'	Sharing of services- difficult to quantify	Diversion of council supplies- potential for stretching council resources
72	The Inverness Courier	Pot holes repair cash running out	11/01/2011	Admittance that resurfacing budget unlikely to be enough and so emergency funding from Scottish Government likely	Wintry weather	Still in thick of winter and haven't yet turned attention to potholes	Long term concerns as to road conditions	High	Damaging	Extra demands on gritting teams, potential for more work for contractors.	Disruption to businesses and householders, safety concerns
73	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	£100m bill feared as public are urged to report potholes	12/01/2011	Appeal to residents from councils to report potholes, as well as Cosla estimating that a conservative repair estimate would be £100m	Wintry weather	Extent still being assessed, yet 'not through the winter yet'	High cost required to get roads in good condition	High	Damaging, although positive in giving public some sense of efficacy	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather, diversion of resources from other services	Disruption to businesses and householders
74	North Star	School Skid Chaos Fears	13/01/2011	Parents of Dingwall Primary pupils forced not to take children in or take them home	Wintry weather	Headteacher claiming conditions the worst in 20 years		High	Damaging	Childcare costs through disruption, potential injuries through slips or collisions etc., gritters- categorisation low priority-	Parent and pupil disruption
75	Highland News	Forget the artwork, what about potholes	13/01/2011	Concerns over council priorities with the new artwork on Crown road, while potholes are widespread	Wintry weather	nd	Costs of artwork argued too high, could be diverted to roads maintenance	Medium	Damaging	Contractor costs	Disruption during construction, contractor costs
76	Inverness Courier	Doubts over anti-flood scheme to raise road	14/01/2011	Plans from Highland Council to raise road to prevent flooding questioned as to potential to exacerbate problems	Flooding	Serious damage caused in 1980s and 1997	Concerns as to water backing up on tributary burns and drainage	Medium	Potentially damaging	Work could take up to 3 months	Concerns over drainage, water backing up on tributary burns and disruption to businesses while
77	Ross-shire Journal	Fine effort from council staff	14/01/2011	Letter praising council efforts to keep roads clear and bins emptied	Wintry weather	nd	Appreciation of council efforts in difficult circumstances	Low	Positive	Staff- extra time for challenging conditions	Little disruption for short-term help and an understanding public
78	Ross-shire Journal	Councillor 'shamed' by state of paths	14/01/2011	Local councillor in Culbokie ashamed at the limited winter treatment of pavements, also reporting of collisions with black ice	Wintry weather	nd	Councillor Billy Barclay admitting that there was a lack of resources in every department but that such cases showed an unfair distribution	Medium	Damaging	Breakdowns and lack of machines- skeletal service	Disruption to businesses and householders

79	The Northern Times	Businesses are suffering through lack of road salt'	14/01/2011	Local businessman criticising council over Sutherland snow clearing	Wintry weather	Admittance that the weather may in for a time yet better attempts required	Unless not more effective 'Sutherland isn't really open for business'	High	Damaging	Gritters and refuse collectors very	Disruption to businesses and householders throughout the north
		Bad weather closes schools	14/01/2011	Catalogue of school closures in Lochaber	Wintry weather	nd	Closure of six primaries and Lochaber High due to staff not getting in, dangerous conditions, lack of school transport, heating and water problems	Medium	Minimal Impact	Childcare costs through closure of schools, repairing pipes etc.	Public disruption with school closures - childcare etc.
80	The Oban Times										
81	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Councils to share £15m winter payout	15/01/2011	An extra £15m allocated by the Scottish Government, to be determined by Cosla for individual councils	Wintry weather	December 2010 second coldest on record	Welcome investment, however debate as to its sufficiency	High	Positive?	Less stretched for roads staff	Still a conservative estimate from Cosla of £100m to deal with issues
82	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	North may have to dip into reserve fund	15/01/2011	Potential for overspend before end of financial year due to severe weather	Wintry weather	nd	Conservation measures in place	Potentially High	Damaging?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather	Little in short term with emergency funds, however potential in future for difficulties with limited resources
83	The Herald	Social work and education may suffer due to potholes	15/01/2011	With the limited £15m emergency fund, fears over cuts to other services with reallocations due to dealing with weather	Wintry weather	Record low temperatures in December	Cosla prediction of cuts to education and social work budgets given insufficient allocation	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather, diversion	Other services potentially disrupted through lack of resources, £15m insufficient for roads
84	The Scotsman	Winter potholes may never be repaired	15/01/2011	Extra £15m allocation insufficient - figure of £120m - potential for unrepaired roads or money from other services e.g., Education	Wintry weather	severe winter weather'	Cosla prediction of cuts to education and social work, or reduction of current roads services	Potentially High	Damaging?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather, diversion	Other services potentially disrupted through lack of resources, £15m insufficient for roads
85	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Black ice hazard hits services in the north	19/01/2011	Disruption catalogued given the wintry weather	Wintry weather	Expectation for more ice overnight with showers and a frost with a drop to -2 degrees	School closures, road accidents, bin collection delays etc.	Medium	Damaging	Emergency service action, childcare provision with school closures	Schools closures, refuse collection disruption and road accidents
86	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	North salt supplies could run out	20/01/2011	Highland Council could run out of salt if no deliveries by 29th January	Wintry weather	nd	Rationing and conservation measures in place	Potentially High	Damaging?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather	10920 tonnes in supply with 10000 due in next fortnight
87	Ross-shire Journal	Roads like glass as freeze takes its toll	21/01/2011	Transport problems given gritting issues highlighted	Wintry weather	Community Works Manager Ian Hay describing roads as 'like glass'	Car accidents, bus cancellations etc.	Medium	Damaging?	Gritting staff, police etc.	Short-term disruption for public, potential emergency dangers
88	The Inverness Courier	Road gritting budget already spent	21/01/2011	News that the Highland Council has already spent its winter roads maintenance budget	Wintry weather	Current road salt limits only enough for just over 2 days of harsh winter weather	The council has to draw on other funds, with its own emergency funds and a Scottish Government emergency fund, and is also reliant on extra road salt deliveries	High	Damaging?	Potential stretching of staff with longer period of wintry weather	Little in short term with emergency funds, however potential in future for difficulties with limited resources
89	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Eco-thaw tackles icy roads	22/01/2011	Successful trial of liquid that can tackle snow and ice at levels down to -20 degrees	Wintry weather	December 2010 coldest in 100 years	Potential for much more effective tackling of wintry weather	Potentially High	Positive?	Requiring change of whole system- expense	Whole system change, however potential if found beneficial in the long term
90	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Holiday pair return to find home wrecked by flood water	24/01/2011	News that a Highland couple are living in temporary accommodation with a large hole in the wall after their council house flooded due to burst pipes	Wintry weather	A hole in bathroom wall several feet long	Living in hotel for last 5 weeks	Low	Damaging	Cost to repair etc.	Disruption to householders
91	The Nairnshire Telegraph	Reassurance on delayed road repairs	25/01/2011	An assurance by the Transport Director of Highland Council that road repairs that were delayed by the weather would still be carried out	Wintry weather	Level of salt on January 17th almost 11 tonnes, compared with 5000 at the same time in 2010	Acknowledgement that would need to deal with issues from the weather but optimistic that planned programmes would go ahead still	Potentially High	Positive	Extra stretching given weather yet in long term should be beneficial	Disruption with weather, yet long term potential for improvements
92	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Curbs on use of road salt lifted	26/01/2011	Highland Council now removing limits to conserve salt stocks given recent deliveries	Wintry weather	Few days of recent milder weather also highlighted	Removal of emergency measures meaning more flexibility for local authority services	Medium	Positive	Less stretched for roads staff	Better for householders and businesses with more provision
93	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	More needed on icy roads, group warns	26/01/2011	The Freight Transport Association warning that although the Scottish Government has made some innovative strides to tackling the wintry weather, there is much more that needs to be done	Wintry weather	Transport minister Keith Brown stating December 2010 coldest for 100 years	Measures such as a liquid tackling snow and ice down to -20 degrees proving a success yet measures such as winter tyres should be part of a much more diverse mix to help mitigate the weather	Potentially High	Positive, yet room for improvement	Multi-agency transport response team	Should be less disruption with response measure etc.
94	North Star	Online protest bids to ease school ice fears	27/01/2011	A Facebook campaign has been launched to upgrade the gritting priority for Dingwall Academy	Wintry weather	At the moment Dingwall Academy is a Priority 3 (low)-leading to a lack of urgency to grit the area	Low gritting priority- danger to public	Medium	Damaging	Unknown- extra resource costs if granted	If upgraded then safer for public
95	West Highland Free Press	Highland Council remove emergency salt measures	27/01/2011	Highland Council now removing limits to conserve salt stocks given recent deliveries	Wintry weather	Emergency measures meant priority 3 or 4 routes would only be gritted with sand	Removal of emergency measures meaning more flexibility for local authority services	Medium	Positive	Less stretched for roads staff	Better for householders and businesses with more provision
96	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Emergency funds for potholes welcomed	28/01/2011	Scottish Government providing an extra £15 million for road repairs	Wintry weather	Frost damage - John Swinney stating coldest December in 100 years	Some respite for widespread pothole problem	Medium	Positive?	Staff repair costs	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits
97	Caithness Courier	True grit when weather's at its worst	02/02/2011	Report charting the gritting process of roads in Caithness, interviewing local roads officer Kevin Mackay	Wintry weather	Temperatures of minus 12 to minus 15 degrees regularly	Such cold prolonged temperatures a real problem to deal with	Medium	Positive?- personal focus	22 staff for 753km of roads - 15 hour shifts etc.	Disruption to businesses and householders
98	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Pothole repair cash labelled 'paltry'	02/02/2011	Local councillors in Badenoch and Strathspey, describing extra £2m for pothole repairs as inadequate	Wintry weather	Frost damage	Disruption for drivers, safety concerns etc.	Medium	Damaging?	Staff repair costs	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits
99	John O'Groat Journal	Paths left like 'Cresta Run' after snow cleared	02/02/2011	Reports of good work in circumstances but lessons to be learned regarding path clearing etc	Wintry weather	Icy paths etc. highlighted	Particular problems for the elderly	Medium	Positive?	Staff gritting costs, a fear over future responses given local authority	Householders and businesses adversely affected
100	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	MP urges rethink on coastguard cutbacks	03/02/2011	Western Isles MP calling for new debates over coastguard cuts	Storm	Prospective	Potential for less effective responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go and remaining centres to have a broader remit	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
101	West Highland Free Press	Council promise to 'invest heavily' to repair damaged roads network	03/02/2011	Highland Council proposing serious attention to road repairs	Wintry weather	Frost damage with last 2 harsh winters	Damage to cars, accidents etc.	Medium	Positive?	Repair costs, staffing etc.	Repair costs in short term, yet long term benefits
102	West Highland Free Press	Call for more time to assess risks from Coastguard closure threat	04/02/2011	Call by campaign group looking to save coastguard services to extend consultation period	Storm	Prospective	Potential for less effective responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go and remaining centres to have a broader remit	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
103	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Residents fear new A9 snow gates will leave them at risk	04/02/2011	Concerns over plans to install snow gates on the A9 near the Slochd	Wintry weather	Prospective	Fears over cutting off Badenoch and Strathspey from Inverness and Emergency Services	Potentially Medium	Potentially minimal	Police action, stretching of local services	Stretching of local services, fears over links to Inverness Emergency amenities

104	The Daily Record	That's a Blow	05/02/2011	Scotland hit by high winds causing widespread disruption	Storm	Winds of up to 140 mph	Winds uprooting trees on roads, airlifting oil workers, roofs blowing off, flood alerts and road, train and ferry disruption	High	Damaging	Emergency service action, engineers restoring power etc.	Businesses adversely affected, roads closed, power off etc.
105	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Storm conditions hit schools, homes rescues and roads	05/02/2011	The Highlands hit by widespread disruption with high winds	Storm	More than 150 mph in the Cairngorms, 96 mph recorded at Lerwick	Islands hit by power failures, school closures, road closures, boats breaking free, ferry disruption	High	Damaging	Emergency service action, engineers restoring power etc.	Businesses adversely affected, roads closed, power off etc.
106	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Maritime safety fears hammered home	08/02/2011	Senior Highlands and Islands councillors outlining safety fears for prospective coastguard cuts to UK shipping minister	Storm	Prospective	Potential for less effective responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go and remaining centres to have a broader remit	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
107	The Inverness Courier	Museum closure will make winter bleaker for tourists	08/02/2011	Potential for closure of Inverness museum from October to April-fears over Inverness attractions in winter months	Wintry weather	Prospective	Lack of service for tourists etc.	Potentially Medium	Potentially damaging	Potential for loss of about 14 permanent part-time	Loss of cultural service for 6 months of a year
108	North Star	Shelter from worst of weather	10/02/2011	Bus shelter to be installed in Avoch to protect from elements	Storm	Prospective	Better protection from adverse weather	Low	Positive	Contractor costs	Short term building disruption
109	Highland News	Roads 'in worst state since 1976'	10/02/2011	Complaints as to the state of Inverness' pothole ridden roads	Wintry weather	Frost damage with last 2 harsh winters	Damage to cars, accidents, and claims	Medium	Damaging	Staff repair costs	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits
110	West Highland Free Press	Life and death' coastguard case given by council leaders	11/02/2011	Council leaders in the north outlining fears of consequences of coastguard cuts	Storm	Prospective	Potential for less effective responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Job losses and stretching of remaining centres	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
111	The Scotsman	Coastguard cuts revealed before risk to life assessed	16/02/2011	Admittance by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency that no specific risk assessment of its plans for cuts to the Coastguard Service	Storm	Prospective	Potential for less effective responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go (up to 250 nationwide by 2014), and remaining centres to have a broader remit (Aberdeen 245 hr	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
112	The Herald	Deep trouble: Scotland's pothole nightmare grows	16/02/2011	Audit Scotland report highlighting the short-termism of governments in dealing with potholes and the deteriorating situation	Wintry weather	Frost damage	Disruption for drivers, safety concerns etc.	High	Damaging	Repair costs - staff, resources for repair, potential for sharing	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits, diversion of resources from other areas
113	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Repairing country's deteriorating roads 'would cost £2.25bn'	16/02/2011	Audit Scotland report highlighting the short-termism of governments in dealing with potholes and the deteriorating situation	Wintry weather	Frost damage	Disruption for drivers, safety concerns etc.	High	Damaging	Repair costs - staff, resources for repair etc.	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits, diversion of resources from other areas
114	Highland News	Drivers resent bumpy ride	17/02/2011	Complaints as to the state of Inverness' pothole ridden roads	Wintry weather	Frost damage with last 2 harsh winters	Bus routes affected, disabled residents reliance etc.	Medium	Damaging	Staff repair costs	Householders and businesses adversely affected
115	John O'Groat Journal	Find and fix' squads to tackle potholes	18/02/2011	Obstacle to repair highlighted as rising cost of bitumen, also the costs and tactics highlighted	Wintry weather	Frost damage with last 2 harsh winters	Costs of damage financially through loss of vegetation and the Costs of rising bitumen prices reducing repair scope, £2m allocated for Highlands	Medium	Positive?	Staff repair costs	Short-term disruption from pothole repairs, but long-term benefits
116	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Golspie suffers third pipes burst	23/02/2011	News that Golspie residents have suffered their third pipe burst in three months	Wintry weather		Outage for much of the morning	High	Damaging	Staff repair costs, potential for new systems	Householders, businesses, school and hospital - outage disruption
117	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Friend of driver killed in crash tried to warn him roads were icy, inquiry told	24/02/2011	Friend of a dead driver had flashed his lights at him to warn of the icy conditions	Wintry weather	Friend describing conditions as 'poor' and 'very slippery'	Death of 22 year old driver	Medium	Minimal Impact	Unknown - police time, court costs etc.	Road closure and clear up cost etc.
118	The Inverness Courier	Grieving parents question state of death crash road	25/02/2011	Family of a dead driver accept he was driving too fast, though that there were still other factors to account for, including road drainage	Wintry weather	Concerns over issues regarding surface water	Death of 22 year old driver	Medium	Minimal Impact	Unknown - police time, contractor costs etc.	Road closure and clear up cost etc.
119	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	North road salt rationing due to be lifted today	26/02/2011	Highland Council now removing limits to conserve salt stocks given recent deliveries	Wintry weather	Emergency measure enacted when it was projected that salt stocks could have run out by the end of January	Removal of emergency measures meaning more flexibility for local authority services	Medium	Positive	Less stretched for roads staff	Better for householders and businesses with more provision
120	North Star	Ice crash road is defended	03/03/2011	At the inquiry into the death on a Black Isle road, the Highland Council defends the treatment of the road given the wintry spell at the time	Wintry weather	Bend that crash was on had not featured in previous complaints	Death of 22 year old driver	Medium	Minimal Impact	Unknown - police time etc.	Disruption with road closure etc. with clear up
121	The Herald	£2m pothole cash 'not enough'	08/03/2011	News of the Scottish Government's increase in budget for dealing with potholes following adverse weather branded inadequate by opposition politicians and Institute of Advanced Motorists	Wintry weather	nd	£162m annual budget topped up by £2m and now £2m again	High	Damaging	Unknown	Prospective widespread short-term disruption with repairs
122	The Scotsman	Extra £2m for fixing potholes derided as mere sticking plaster	08/03/2011	News of the Scottish Government's increase in budget for dealing with potholes following adverse weather branded inadequate by opposition politicians	Wintry weather	nd	Money for extra repairs with adverse weather effects	High	Damaging	Unknown	Prospective widespread short-term disruption with repairs
123	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Crash driver says he hit ice	09/03/2011	Bakery delivery driver blaming black ice for skidding and crashing into 2 parked cars	Wintry weather	Black ice	Minor injuries for those in parked cars	Low	Minimal Impact	Unknown	Road disruption with accident etc.
124	Highland News	Fresh snow hits travel but schools stay open	10/03/2011	Snow disrupting travel but only one school in Inverness closing	Wintry weather	Heavy snow showers, some with wind creating whiteout conditions, coming and going for a few days	Inverness airport runway closed for a time, Stratherrick Primary Closed	Medium	Potentially damaging	Unknown - clearing thoroughfares etc.	Potential adverse effects to businesses, disruption to timetables and householders for childcare etc.
125	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Porter picks up £4000 after slip on ungritted path	10/03/2011	News that a ruling has ordered former Aberdeen University Porter to be given compensation after falling in an ungritted part of campus	Wintry weather	Started shift at 7am when wet but temperature dropped sharply- fell around 10am	Fall on ungritted pavement	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Unknown	Potential test case for future claims with such weather related incidents
126	The Inverness Courier	Spring snow brings another taste of winter	10/03/2011	Transport disruption and forecast details with snow disruption	Wintry weather	Heavy snow showers, some with wind creating whiteout conditions, coming and going for a few days	Inverness airport closed for a time, Ardrossan-Brodick ferry cancelled due to wind, road warnings, Stratherrick Primary closed	Medium	Potentially damaging	Unknown	Potential adverse effects to businesses, disruption to timetables and householders for childcare etc.
127	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Return to wintry chaos as icy blast hits north	10/03/2011	Transport and education disruption, with effects on ski industry outlined with wintry weather	Wintry weather	Heavy snow showers, some with wind creating whiteout conditions.	Inverness airport closed for a time, road warnings but no closures in Highlands, Stratherrick Primary closed, back injury for crash victim, CairnGorm Mountain only lower part open due to wind	Medium	Potentially damaging	Unknown	Potential adverse effects to businesses, disruption to timetables and householders for childcare etc.
128	Ross-shire Journal	Praise as pothole hazard road fixed	11/03/2011	Positive feedback from Councillor Craig Fraser over pothole repairs	Wintry weather	Bogallan road as well as in Cromarty and Fortrose, on the Black Isle	Reduction in accidents on road	Low	Positive	TECS pent just over a week at Bogallan	Road closures, disruption to businesses and households, yet long term benefits
129	The Inverness Courier	Weather delays final chapter in 'Three Graces' return	11/03/2011	Wintry weather delaying final touches to statues	Wintry weather	Delaying final part of operation	Delays- increase in time and money	Low	Minimal Impact	Construction etc.	Minimal- delays for contractors mainly



130	The Herald	Road chaos alert as winter sweeps back to Scotland	12/03/2011	Calls for vigilance with widespread winter weather warnings	Wintry weather	Over a foot of snow at 9am on 11/03/2011 at Cairngorm chairlift	Road disruption, calls for mountaineers to avoid hills, farmers needing to look after lambs	High	Potentially damaging	More than 170 vehicles and around 400 staff mobilised	Disruption to businesses and householders, as well as potential mountain industry
131	Sunday Herald	Long winter lingers as Scots hit by new blast of snow	13/03/2011	Snow warnings and consequences for roads and deaths	Wintry weather	Central belt affected, though front moving northwards	Road disruption, one man seriously injured	High	Potentially damaging	Gritters deployed from 5.30am in Glasgow on	Road warnings, A9 delays in Perthshire
132	The Inverness Courier	Alert service for flood risk areas	25/03/2011	New floodline service to provide notice to protect homes and businesses	Flooding	1836 properties in Inverness categorised as at risk, other areas also broken down	Direct early warning service	Medium	Positive	Unknown	Positive- prior warning
133	The Herald	Lack of wind is a blow to power hopes	02/04/2011	Concerns over plans to produce a quarter of Britain's power from wind by 2020 and the current levels of wind output	Wind	Fall from 27.4% of capacity to 21.9% annual average for wind turbines	Government plans and subsidies not correlated with figures of output	High	Potentially damaging	Unknown - construction etc., also government	Environmental concerns, construction disruption, mismatch of need and provision
134	The Nairnshire Telegraph	Nairn Games records another good year	05/04/2011	Fine weather adding to a good attendance and event at the Nairn Highland Games	High temperatures	blessed with traditional sunshine'	Good attendance and conditions	Low	Positive	Unknown - event organisation, Police	Increase in volume of public in local area, road closures etc.
135	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Farr turbines' capacity only 23.25%	06/04/2011	Overestimation of figures in justification for windfarm proposals	Wind	Claims of 34-37% of capacity though figures of 23.25% in 2010 and 30.7% on average for 2007-2009	Proposal for a development of 31 wind turbines	Potentially Medium	Potentially damaging	Unknown	Environmental concerns, construction disruption
136	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Snow gates fears voiced	06/04/2011	Concerns over plans to install snow gates on the A9 near the Slochd	Wintry weather	Prospective	Fears over cutting off Badenoch and Strathspey from Inverness and Emergency Services	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Police action, stretching of local services	Stretching of local services, fears over links to Inverness Emergency amenities
137	The Herald	Green group in row over wind energy	07/04/2011	Dispute over figures relating to the efficacy of wind power	Wind	30% of operating capacity regularly stated, but reports from 22% from consultants employed by environmental groups	General Scotland wide energy developments	Potentially Medium	Potentially medium	Unknown	Environmental concerns, construction disruption
138	The Strathspey and Badenoch Herald	Power company apologises for 'misleading' wind estimates	13/04/2011	News that the energy company behind a wind farm development overestimated wind strengths in their justification for the proposals	Wind	Mean wind speeds from 2007 to 2010- statement from engineers of 34-37% capacity, where in fact the mean was 28.9%	Proposal for a development of 31 wind turbines	Potentially Medium	Potentially damaging	Unknown	Environmental concerns, construction disruption
139	West Highland Free Press	Highland Council committed to support for Coastguard	22/04/2011	News that the Highland Council supports the retention of full-time coastguard service in Stornoway and the emergency towing vessel for the Minches	Storm	Prospective	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for job to go, and remaining centres to have a broader remit	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
140	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Spectacular' weather boosts bike trials crowds	03/05/2011	Scottish Six Day Trials motorcycling event in Lochaber organisers stating that the warm weather has contributed to a larger than average attendance	High temperatures	Cloudless blue sky and beating sun	More than 1000 spectators and 276 motorcyclists involved	Low	Positive	Unknown - event organisation - roads around Lochaber etc	Road closures? Increase in volume of public in area
141	The Herald	Estates start to count cost of wildfires	05/05/2011	The financial and environmental costs of the wildfires in the Highland area	High temperatures	The wildfires across the Highland area	Costs of damage financially through loss of vegetation and the concomitant environmental impacts	High	Potentially damaging	Fire-fighters in short-term, then Environment and other agencies to mitigate	Evacuations etc. - restricted public access, regeneration schemes etc affected too
142	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	North Outcry At New Blow To Sea Rescue Services	14/05/2011	Concerns at the decision by the Maritime and Coastguard Agency to withdraw funding from the Maritime Incident Response Group, which tackles offshore blazes	Storm	Prospective	Removal of funding meaning less security for facility in tackling maritime fires	Potentially High	Medium impact	Potential for jobs to go, and remaining centres to have a broader remit through lack of funding	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
143	The Inverness Courier	Cost of Tackling Wildfires Revealed	17/05/2011	The financial, environmental and local impacts of tackling the wildfires across the Highland area	High temperatures	70 wildfires across the Highland area	9100 hectares of vegetation destroyed, Business and tourism adversely affected, temporary evacuations	High	Potentially damaging	Almost 1800 fire-fighters deployed to tackle the blazes	Business and tourism adversely affected, campsite and houses temporarily evacuated
144	The Scotsman	Ministers Row Back from Coastguard Cuts	20/05/2011	A reconsideration by the UK Government of the plans to streamline Coastguard Services	Storm	Prospective	Potential for slow, less direct responses to coastal emergencies	Potentially High	Potentially damaging	Potential for jobs to go, and remaining centres to	Potential adverse effects on those involved in maritime emergencies with less support
145	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Council Urged To Put Aside Flood Fears To Push Ahead With City Flats	21/05/2011	News that the Area Planning are looking to grant Albyn Housing Association the building of flats by the River Ness, despite concerns regarding flooding	Flooding	Prospective	Potential for submersion of escape routes of 6 inches and surrounding roads of 1 foot of water	Potentially Medium	Potentially damaging	Potential for Emergency Services to deal with short term issues, long term numerous	Potential adverse effects on household and businesses, road closures etc.
146	The Press and Journal Highlands and Islands Edition	Widespread Disruption as High Winds Sweep Across Country	24/05/2011	Description of the various impacts of widespread windy weather on transport, energy and business	Wind	Winds of up to 114 mph across the Highlands	Wind causing trees to block roads, bridges to limit vehicle access and households to lose power. Boats breaking free from docks and being damaged, ferries to be cancelled and businesses to close early	High	Potentially damaging	Engineers working on restoring power, coastguards and lifeboat crews securing boats, police and ambulance dealing with road closures	Businesses adversely affected, roads closed, power off across the north of Scotland effectively cutting it off
147	The Inverness Courier	Fury at Lack of Action on City Centre 'Flood'	27/05/2011	Concerns that the recent streetscape works in Inverness city centre have led to persistent flooding in the area	Flooding	Surface water highlighted on the corner of Church Street and Queensgate by Butcher Bill Fraser	Surface water adversely affecting tourism and business	Low	Minimal Impact	Council officials investigated problem, potential for further	Claims that it is spoiling the look of the historic area for visitors and could harm businesses' trading
148	Inverness Courier	Crowd aim met despite weather chaos at Castle Stuart	10/07/2011	Article charting the consequences on the Scottish Open held near Inverness given heavy rain, thunder and lightning.	Flooding	100 mm of rain falling on the course during Saturday - twice the average rainfall for July	Saturday- no play, yet managed for Sunday	High	Positive focus	Staff working all weekend in an effort to clear the	No play on Saturday, however cumulative visitor total for the event over target of 50000
149	Ross-shire Journal	Heavy rain forces Dingwall circus to switch venues	11/07/2011	Due to a waterlogged field the 'Circus of the Orient' had to be moved to the town's auction mart.	Flooding	nd	Having to move venues- disruption	Medium	Damaging?	Costs of moving facilities and publicity etc.	Creators say there will be no compromise in the size or quality of the event, yet inevitably some disruption
150	Ross-shire Journal	At the double after Black Isle landslide	19/07/2011	News of a rapid repair to a road after a landslide	Flooding	exceptionally heavy rain'	Road back to normal after a few days disruption	Medium	Positive- quick response	Staff and repair costs	Some disruption with landslide before repair
151	Highland News	Probe As Man Dies in Flood Tragedy	21/07/2011	Report of man dying in flood accident in Smithton, Inverness, and subsequent actions into wider investigations	Flooding	Excess surface water	Death of 68 year old William Hamilton	High	Damaging	Emergency service- 15 incidents for fire service in	Death, disruption to householders and services, damage
152	North Star	Floods close key route	28/07/2011	Closure of the A862 near Beauly due to flooding	Flooding	Cllr Drew Hendry 'Accounts from locals suggest this is the worst incidence of flooding in living memory'.	Closure since the 17th, with urgent action to clear road for Black Isle Show and Belladrum Festival in early August	High	Damaging	Staff clearing area, Council, landowners and SEPA actions	Road closure - diversion via Kirkhill, potential for further disruption given events planned