PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2006 and New Year 2007 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on 25 December 2006 (Christmas Day), 26 December 2006 (Boxing Day) and 1 January 2007 (New Years Day) as well as the extra statutory holiday for staff on 27 December 2006. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 25 December 2006 No Collection Tuesday 26 December 2006 No Collection Wednesday 27 December 2006 No Collection Thursday 28 December 2006 Normal THURSDAY Collection Friday 29 December 2006 Normal FRIDAY Collection Saturday 30 December 2006 **MONDAY Collection** Sunday 31 December 2006 No Collection Monday 1 January 2007 No Collection Tuesday 2 January 2007 **Double TUESDAY Collection** Wednesday 3 January 2007 Double WEDNESDAY Collection Thursday 4 January 2007 Normal THURSDAY Collection Friday 5 January 2007 Normal FRIDAY Collection

1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect.

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS	
MONDAY	No collection 25 December 2006	
	No collection on 1 January 2007	
	Interim collection on SATURDAY	
	30 December 2006	
TUESDAY	No collection on 26 December 2006	
	Double collection on 2 January 2007	
WEDNESDAY	No collection on 27 December 2006	
	Double collection on 3 January 2007	
THURSDAY	No change	
FRIDAY	No change	

2. REASON

2.1 Disruption to refuse collection at Christmas is usually unavoidable because of the Public Holidays on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For 2006/07 there are Public Holidays on Monday 25 December 2006, Tuesday 26 December 2006 and Monday 1 January 2007. In addition to this, there is an extra statutory holiday for staff on Wednesday 27 December 2006. The Waste

Disposal sites will be closed on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. The proposed revised refuse collection arrangements will inconvenience many New Forest residents but disruption to services at Christmas time is inevitable. These revised arrangements minimise disruption and allow the refuse collection service to get back to normal as quickly as possible.

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Two alternatives have been considered:
 - 3.1.1 Collecting refuse on some or all of the Public Holidays. This would require staff to work all or some of the holidays. There would a number of practical difficulties in providing a refuse collection service on these Public Holidays, such as problems gaining access to residential areas, noise and disturbance. Refuse collection could only be provided on Public Holidays if Hampshire County Council agreed to open the waste disposal sites. The waste disposal sites are usually closed on public Holidays.
 - 3.1.2 Putting back refuse collection and catching up on the first three Saturdays in January 2007. This would mean that nobody would miss a refuse collection, but that everybody would have their refuse collection delayed. Refuse collection for all residents would be put back by up to 3 days and the normal pattern of refuse collection would not resume until 22 January 2007.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

4.1 None.

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