

PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2007/08

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2007 and New Year 2008 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Tuesday 25 December 2007 (Christmas Day), Wednesday 26 December 2007 (Boxing Day) and 1 January 2007 (New Years Day) as well as the extra statutory holiday for staff on Monday 24 December 2007. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 24 December 2007	No Collection
Tuesday 25 December 2007	No Collection
Wednesday 26 December 2007	No Collection
Thursday 27 December 2007	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 28 December 2007	Normal FRIDAY Collection
Saturday 29 December 2007	Tuesday Collection
Sunday 30 December 2007	No Collection
Monday 31 December 2007	Double MONDAY Collection
Tuesday 1 January 2008	No Collection
Wednesday 2 January 2008	Double WEDNESDAY Collection
Thursday 3 January 2008	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 4 January 2008	Normal FRIDAY Collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	No collection 24 December 2007. Double collection on 31 December 2007.
TUESDAY	No collection on 25 December 2007. No collection on 1 January 2008. Interim collection on Saturday 29 December 2007.
WEDNESDAY	No collection on 26 December 2007 Double collection on 2 nd January 2007
THURSDAY	No change
FRIDAY	No change

2. REASON

2.1 Disruption to refuse collection at Christmas is unavoidable because of the Public Holidays on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For 2007/08 there are Public Holidays on Tuesday 25th December 2007, Wednesday 26 December and Tuesday 1 January 2008. In addition to this, there is an extra statutory holiday for staff on Monday 24 December 2007. 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. Normal collections resume on Wednesday 2 January 2008.

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 be practical difficulties in providing a refuse collection service on these public holidays, such as missed collections, 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 2008. 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 Monday 21 January 2008.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

4.1 None.

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Date: 30th May, 2007

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Date on which notice given of this Decision - 30 May 2007

Last date for call-in - 6 June 2007