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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION(S)

On 3 June 2009, Cllr E J Heron, the Environment Portfolio Holder, made the following decision(s). Any member of the Council, who is not a Portfolio Holder, who considers that this decision should be reviewed should give notice to the Monitoring Officer (Grainne O'Rourke) (in writing or by e-mail) to be received **ON OR BY 11 June 2009**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

The timetable for the collection of domestic refuse over the Christmas 2009 period, as set out below was agreed.

	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	No change on 21 December 2009, No collection on 28 December 2009. Double collection on Monday 4 January 2010.
TUESDAY	No Change
WEDNESDAY	No Change
THURSDAY	No Change
FRIDAY	No collection on 25 December 2009 or 1 January 2010. Double collection on Saturday 2 January 2010.

The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2009 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Thursday 24 December, but the Council's refuse collectors have agreed to work on that day and will receive a day off in lieu at a later time.

REASON(S):

Disruption to refuse collection at Christmas is unavoidable because of the Public Holidays on Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Year's Day. For 2009/10 there are Public Holidays on Friday 25 December 2009, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January 2010. The Waste Disposal sites will be closed on Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The proposed revised refuse collection arrangements will inconvenience some 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 Tuesday 5 January 2010.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

Two other alternatives have been considered which required 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.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2009/10

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2009 and New Year 2010 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Friday 25 December 2009 (Christmas Day), Monday 28 December 2009 (Boxing Day) and Friday 1 January 2010 (New Years Day). The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 21 December 2009	Normal MONDAY Collection
Tuesday 22 December 2009	Normal TUESDAY Collection
Wednesday 23 December 2009	Normal WEDNESDAY Collection
Thursday 24 December 2009	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 25 December 2009	No Collection
Saturday 26 December 2009	No Collection
Sunday 27 December 2009	No Collection
Monday 28 December 2009	No Collection
Tuesday 29 December 2009	Normal TUESDAY Collection
Wednesday 30 December 2009	Normal WEDNESDAY Collection
Thursday 31 December 2009	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 1 January 2010	No Collection
Saturday 2 January 2010	Double FRIDAY Collection
Monday 4 January 2010	Double MONDAY collection

1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	No change on 21 December 2009, No collection on 28 December 2009. Double collection on Monday 4 January 2010.
TUESDAY	No Change
WEDNESDAY	No Change
THURSDAY	No Change
FRIDAY	No collection on 25 December 2009 or 1 January 2010. Double collection on Saturday 2 January 2010.

- 1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2009 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Thursday 24 December, but the Council's refuse collectors have agreed to work on that day and will receive a day off in lieu at a later time.

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 2009/10 there are Public Holidays on Friday 25 December 2009, Monday 28 December and Friday 1 January 2010. The Waste Disposal sites will be closed on Christmas Day, and New Year's Day. The proposed revised refuse collection arrangements will inconvenience some 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 Tuesday 5 January 2010.

3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Two other alternatives have been considered which required 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.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

- 4.1 None

Signed &/ / 5 (- + (5 2 1

Date: 3rd June '09

Cllr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 4 June 2009

Last date for call-in – 11 June 2009