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## **NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION(S)**

On 5 July 2010 Cllr E J Heron, the Environment Portfolio Holder, made the following decision. 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 12 JULY 2010**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

### **DECISION:**

The Portfolio Holder has agreed the timetable for the collection of refuse and recycling materials over the Christmas and New Year period.

### **REASON(S):**

To ensure a planned continuity of service that recognises the public holidays over that period.

### **ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:**

As set out in the attached report.

### **CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:**

None.

### **For Further Information Please Contact:**

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## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

### CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2010/11

#### 1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2010 and New Year 2011 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Monday 27 December 2010 and Tuesday 28 December 2010. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Saturday 25 December 2010	No Collection
Sunday 26 December 2010	No Collection
Monday 27 December 2010	No Collection
Tuesday 28 December 2010	No Collection
Wednesday 29 December 2010	Normal WEDNESDAY Collection
Thursday 30 December 2010	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 31 December 2010	Normal FRIDAY Collection
Saturday 1 January 2011	No Collection
Sunday 2 January 2011	No Collection
Monday 3 January 2011	Double MONDAY collection
Tuesday 4 January 2011	Double TUESDAY collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
<b>MONDAY</b>	No collection on 27 December. Double collection on Monday 3 January.
<b>TUESDAY</b>	No collection on 28 December. Double collection on Tuesday 4 January.
<b>WEDNESDAY</b>	No Change.
<b>THURSDAY</b>	No Change.
<b>FRIDAY</b>	No Change.

- 1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2010 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Wednesday 29 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.
- 1.4 To minimise disruption, staff have also agreed to work on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2011 which is a Bank Holiday

## 2. REASON

- 2.1 Although Christmas Day 2010 falls on a Saturday and Boxing Day 2010 falls on a Sunday, there are Public Holidays on Monday 27 December and Tuesday 28 December 2010. It would be unreasonable to expect the Council's refuse collectors to work on these two public holidays. 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.

## 3. ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED

- 3.1 Another alternative which has been considered would be to collect refuse on 27 December and 28 December which are Public Holidays. This would require overtime payments to staff. 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.
- 3.2 In previous years staff have worked on the Saturday between Christmas and New Year, but due to New Years Day falling on the Saturday it has been decided that this option is not available to us this year as the disposal points will be closed.

## 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

- 4.1 None

Signed CLLR E J HERON

Date:

5<sup>th</sup> July 2010

Cllr Edward Heron  
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 5 July 2010

Last date for call-in – 12 July 2010