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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 1 June 2011, 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 4.45 P.M. ON FRIDAY, 10 JUNE 2011**

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

Revised arrangements for the collection of refuse over the Christmas period in 2011, taking account of the various public holidays, as set out in the attached decision report.

REASON(S):

To ensure that an adequate refuse collection service is maintained, with minimum disruption to local householders, while also allowing the operatives to enjoy the holiday break.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

To collect refuse on 26 and 27 December or 1 January. Rejected partly for cost and also because the disposal sites would be closed.

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None.

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2011/12

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2011 and New Year 2012 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Monday 26 December 2011 and Tuesday 27 December 2011. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Saturday 24 December 2011	No Collection
Sunday 25 December 2011	No Collection
Monday 26 December 2011	No Collection
Tuesday 27 December 2011	No Collection
Wednesday 28 December 2011	Normal WEDNESDAY Collection
Thursday 29 December 2011	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 30 December 2011	Normal FRIDAY Collection
Saturday 31 January 2012	No Collection
Sunday 1 January 2012	No Collection
Monday 2 January 2012	Double MONDAY collection
Tuesday 3 January 2012	Double TUESDAY collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	No collection on 26 December. Double collection on Monday 2 January.
TUESDAY	No collection on 27 December. Double collection on Tuesday 3 January.
WEDNESDAY	No Change.
THURSDAY	No Change.
FRIDAY	No Change.

- 1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2011 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Wednesday 28 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 2nd January 2012 which is a Bank Holiday

2. REASON

- 2.1 Although Christmas Day 2011 falls on a Sunday there are Public Holidays on Monday 26 December and Tuesday 27 December 2011. 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 26 December and 27 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 Sunday it has been decided that this option is not available to us this year as the disposal points will be closed and there would be an impact on the other collection days that week..

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

- 4.1 None

Signed CLLR E J HERON

Date:

1st June 2011

Clr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 3 June 2011

Last date for call-in – 10 June 2011