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

On 26 April 2012 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 THURSDAY 10 MAY 2012**.

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 2012/13

#### 1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2012 and New Year 2013 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Tuesday 25th December 2012, Wednesday 26th December 2012 and Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> January 2013. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 24 December 2012	Normal Collection
Tuesday 25 December 2012	No Collection
Wednesday 26 December 2012	No Collection
Thursday 27 December 2012	Normal THURSDAY Collection
Friday 28 December 2012	Normal FRIDAY Collection
Saturday 29 December 2012	No Collection
Sunday 30 December 2012	No Collection
Monday 31 December 2012	Normal Monday collection
Tuesday 1 January 2013	No Collection
Wednesday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2013	Double Tuesday collection
Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2013	Double Wednesday Collection
Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	Thursday Collection
Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January 2013	Friday Collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	Normal Monday Collections.
TUESDAY	No collection on 25th December or 1 <sup>st</sup> January. Double collection on Wednesday 2 January.
WEDNESDAY	No Collection on Wednesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December. Double collection on Thursday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January
THURSDAY	3 <sup>rd</sup> January collection moved to Friday 4 <sup>th</sup> January
FRIDAY	4 <sup>th</sup> January Collection moved to Saturday 5 <sup>th</sup> January.

1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2012/13 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> December 2012, 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 Saturday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2013

## 2. REASON

2.1 It would be unreasonable to expect the Council's refuse collectors to work on these three 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 3 alternatives were considered by unions and the Portfolio Holder. This would require overtime payments to staff to work over some of the bank 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.

## 4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

4.1 None

Signed CLLR E J HERON

Date:

26<sup>th</sup> April 2012

Cllr Edward Heron  
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 2 May 2012

Last date for call-in – 10 May 2012