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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION(S)

On 9 May 2013 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 FRIDAY 17 MAY 2013**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To revise the refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period to take account of the public holidays, while maintaining the best possible service to the public.

REASON(S):

To ensure the continuation of the service.

ANY ALTERNATIVE OPTIONS CONSIDERED AND REJECTED:

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder

CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED:

None

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PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION – ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO: 9 MAY 2013

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2013/14

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2013 and New Year 2014 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Wednesday 25th December 2013, Thursday 26th December 2013 and Wednesday 1st January 2014. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 23 December 2013	Normal Collection
Tuesday 24 December 2013	Normal Collection
Wednesday 25 December 2013	No Collection
Thursday 26 December 2013	No Collection
Friday 27 December 2013	Normal Friday Collection
Saturday 28 December 2013	No Collection
Sunday 29 December 2013	No Collection
Monday 30 December 2013	Normal Monday collection
Tuesday 31 December 2013	Normal Tuesday Collection
Wednesday 1 January 2014	No Collection
Thursday 2 January 2014	Double Wednesday Collection
Friday 3 January 2014	Double Thursday Collection
Saturday 4 January 2014	Friday Collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	Normal Monday Collections.
TUESDAY	Normal Tuesday Collections.
WEDNESDAY	No Collections on Wednesday 25 th or Wednesday 1 st January. Double collection on Thursday 2nd January
THURSDAY	No Collections on Thursday 26 th December and collection scheduled for Thursday 2nd January moved to a Double Collection on Friday 3rd January
FRIDAY	3rd January Collection moved to Saturday 4 th January.

- 1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2013/14 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Friday 27th December 2013, 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 4th January 2014.

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. CONFLICTS OF INTEREST DECLARED

- 4.1 None

Signed CLLR E J HERON Date: 9 MAY 2013

Cllr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 10 May 2013

Last date for call-in – 17 May 2013