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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 31 March 2014, 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 MONDAY 7 APRIL 2014**.

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To revise the refuse collection arrangements for the Christmas 2014 and New Year 2015 period, as set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

REASON(S):

To optimize the collection arrangements, allowing for the various public holidays.

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

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2014/15

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2014 and New Year 2015 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Thursday 25th December 2014, Friday 26th December 2014 and Thursday 1st January 2015. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 22 December 2014	Normal Collection
Tuesday 23 December 2014	Normal Collection
Wednesday 24 December 2014	Normal Collection
Thursday 25 December 2014	No Collection
Friday 26 December 2014	No Collection
Saturday 27 December 2014	No Collection
Sunday 28 December 2014	No Collection
Monday 29 December 2014	Normal Monday collection
Tuesday 30 December 2014	Normal Tuesday Collection
Wednesday 31 December 2014	Normal Wednesday Collection
Thursday 1 January 2015	No collection
Friday 2 January 2015	Double Thursday Collection
Saturday 3 January 2015	Double 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	Normal Wednesday Collections
THURSDAY	No Collections on Thursday 25 th December and Thursday 1 st January, a Double collection scheduled for Friday 2nd January.
FRIDAY	No collections on Friday 26 th December and Friday 2 nd January; a Double collection moved to Saturday 3rd January.

1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2014/15 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Wednesday 24th December 2014, 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 3rd January 2015

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 Two alternatives were considered by unions and the Portfolio Holder. This would require additional overtime payments to staff to work consecutive Saturdays and also limit the family time for the staff to only two consecutive days over the holiday period. There would be practical difficulties in providing a refuse collection service on the 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: E J HERON

Date: 31 MARCH 2014

Cllr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 31 March 2014

Last date for call-in – 7 April 2014