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NOTIFICATION OF PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION

On 23 February 2015, 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 TUESDAY 3 MARCH 2015.**

Details of the documents the Portfolio Holder considered are attached.

DECISION:

To agree the arrangements for the collection of household waste over Christmas 2015 and New Year 2016.

REASON(S):

As set out in the report considered by the Portfolio Holder.

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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ENVIRONMENT PORTFOLIO HOLDER'S DECISION – 20 FEBRUARY 2015

CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION ARRANGEMENTS 2015/16

1. CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

- 1.1 The Portfolio Holder for the Environment proposes to revise the refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2015 and New Year 2016 in order to accommodate Public Holidays on Friday 25 December 2015, Monday 28 December 2015 and Friday 1 January 2016. The proposed refuse collection arrangements are as follows:

Monday 21 December 2015	Normal Collection
Tuesday 22 December 2015	Normal Collection
Wednesday 23 December 2015	Normal Collection
Thursday 24 December 2015	Normal Collection
Friday 25 December 2015	No Collection
Saturday 26 December 2015	No Collection
Sunday 27 December 2015	No Collection
Monday 28 December 2015	Bank Holiday – No Collection
Tuesday 29 December 2015	Normal Collection
Wednesday 30 December 2015	Normal Collection
Thursday 31 December 2015	Normal Collection
Friday 1 January 2016	No Collection
Saturday 2 January 2016	Double Collection – Friday
Sunday 3 January 2016	No Collection
Monday 4 January 2016	Double Collection – Monday
Tuesday 5 January 2016	Normal Collection
Wednesday 6 January 2016	Normal Collection

- 1.2 These proposed arrangements will have the following effect:

REFUSE COLLECTION DAY	REVISED ARRANGEMENTS
MONDAY	Bank Holiday Monday 28 December no collection – Double collection on Monday 4 January
TUESDAY	Normal Tuesday Collections
WEDNESDAY	Normal Wednesday Collections
THURSDAY	Work Thursday 24 December so normal collections
FRIDAY	No collections on Friday 25 December and Friday 1 January 2016 – Double collection on Saturday 2 January 2016

1.3 The revised refuse collection arrangements for Christmas 2015/16 have been agreed with Trade Union representatives and staff. There is an additional holiday for New Forest District Council staff on Thursday 24 December 2015, 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.

2. PURPOSE

2.1 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 Other alternatives were considered by unions and employees. 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 and there are some restrictions in place that prevent working on certain Bank Holidays.

4. CONFLICT OF INTEREST DECLARED

4.1 None

Signed *CLLR E HERON* Date: 23 February 2015

Cllr Edward Heron
Portfolio Holder for the Environment

Date on which notice given for this Decision – 24 February 2015

Last date for call-in – 3 March 2015