
CHRISTMAS REFUSE COLLECTION

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide proposals for the timetabling of the refuse collection service during the Christmas and New Year period and to gain Members decision on which option they wish to take place.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Due to the number of Bank Holidays at this time of year and dependent on where in the week that they fall, a special programme of refuse collection is implemented in order to minimise the disruption to the residents of the District.
- 2.2 To assist in gaining Members approval, two alternative collection timetables have been put together for consideration.
- 2.3 This year's timetable proposals are more complicated than normal, due to Christmas Day, Boxing Day and New Years Day falling at the weekend, which not only means Bank Holidays during the working week but also limits the options for Saturday catch-up collections.
- 2.4 With regard to the recycling collections, these will be programmed in a similar way to fit in with whichever proposal is approved.

3 PROPOSAL (A)

3.1

COLLECTION DATE		ROUNDS TO BE COLLECTED
Monday	27 December	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	28 December	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Wednesday	29 December	Wednesday rounds
Thursday	30 December	Thursday rounds
Friday	31 December	Friday rounds
Saturday	01 January	No Catch Up Collections
Monday	03 January	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	04 January	Monday rounds
Wednesday	05 January	Tuesday rounds
Thursday	06 January	Wednesday rounds
Friday	07 January	Thursday rounds

Saturday	08 January	Friday rounds
Monday	10 January	Normal Collections days resumed.

3.2 By using this collection programme, the longest period of time between collections will be 15 days for those properties on a Monday and Tuesday collection, although for those normally collected on a Wednesday, Thursday or Friday, their longest period between collections would be only 8 days. The Wednesday, Thursday, Friday rounds would also receive their normal day collection immediately after Christmas.

3.3 The last day where revised collections days are taking place, would be Saturday 8 January 2005, which is much earlier than in previous years. This particular proposal would also be very simple to advertise, as there are not a number of weeks involved with different collection days each week.

3.4 Excess refuse would be taken up until Saturday 8 January 2005.

4 PROPOSAL (B)

4.1

COLLECTION DATE		ROUNDS TO BE COLLECTED
Monday	27 December	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	28 December	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Wednesday	29 December	Monday rounds
Thursday	30 December	Tuesday rounds
Friday	31 December	Wednesday rounds
Saturday	01 January	No Catch Up Collections
Monday	03 January	No Collections - Bank Holiday
Tuesday	04 January	Thursday rounds
Wednesday	05 January	Friday rounds
Thursday	06 January	Monday rounds
Friday	07 January	Tuesday rounds
Saturday	08 January	Wednesday rounds
Monday	10 January	Thursday rounds
Tuesday	11 January	Friday rounds
Wednesday	12 January	Monday rounds
Thursday	13 January	Tuesday rounds
Friday	14 January	Wednesday rounds
Saturday	15 January	Thursday rounds
Monday	17 January	Friday rounds
Tuesday	18 January	Monday rounds

Wednesday	19 January	Tuesday rounds
Thursday	20 January	Wednesday rounds
Friday	21 January	Thursday rounds
Saturday	22 January	Friday rounds
Monday	24 January	Normal collection days resume.

- 4.2 By using this collection timetable, the longest period of time between collections would be 12 days for Thursday and Friday collection rounds and only 9 days for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday rounds.
- 4.3 This process would involve residents having a different to normal collection day for a four week period and then normal collection days would not recommence until Monday 24 January 2005 – two weeks later than proposal (A). It would also require Serviceteam working on three consecutive Saturdays.
- 4.4 Excess refuse would be taken during the week beginning Monday 27 December 2004 and week beginning Monday 23 January 2005. The following two weeks would not have excess taken, as all residents would only have had either five or six days between collections by this stage.

5 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 The efficient collection of the District's refuse is important to the environmental conditions that exist throughout the District.

6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 The cost to the Council for the notification of the revised collection timetable would be approximately £3,500, which can be met from existing budget provision. This however does include details of all the other Bank Holiday collections for a 12 month period on the A5 sized folded card that has been used in previous years.

7 RECOMMENDATION

- 7.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

Whether to approve proposal (A) or proposal (B) for the timetable for refuse collection over the Christmas and New Year period.

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Background Papers:-

None.

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