
CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE COLLECTION (Minute 36/01)

1 SUMMARY

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise Members of the proposed arrangements for refuse collection over the Christmas and New Year period and also how residents will be notified of these arrangements.

2 INTRODUCTION

- 2.1 Due to the number of Bank Holidays at this time of year and dependent on where in the week they fall, a special programme of refuse collection is implemented in order to minimise the disruption to the residents of the District.
- 2.2 Following the meeting of this Committee on 25 January 2001, Members requested that proposals for this year's collection arrangements be reported in the autumn for their approval.

3 PROPOSED MANAGEMENT

3.1 Normal Collection Day

Mon 24 December
Tues 25 December
Wed 26 December
Thurs 27 December
Fri 28 December

Mon 31 December
Tues 1 January
Wed 2 January
Thurs 3 January
Fri 4 January

Mon 7 January
Tues 8 January
Wed 9 January
Thurs 10 January
Fri 11 January

Revised Collection Day

Mon 24 December
Thurs 27 December
Fri 28 December
Sat 29 December
Mon 31 December

Wed 2 January
Thurs 3 January
Fri 4 January
Sat 5 January
Mon 7 January

Tues 8 January
Wed 9 January
Thurs 10 January
Fri 11 January
Sat January

- 3.2 By using this collection programme, the longest period of time between collections will be 9 days. This adheres to the Contract Specification as 10 days is the stated maximum time between collections.

3.3 The last day where revised collection days are taking place will be 12 January, although the Contract Specification states that this should be by 10 January.

3.4 However, if Members wish to agree to this minor contract variation there are a number of advantages of this arrangement:

- Maximum number of days between collections is kept to 9 days.
- Traditional method of post Christmas refuse collection that the public generally expects.
- Simple to promote to local residents and for them to understand.

3.5 The only alternative that would meet this 10 January deadline would be extremely unusual and require actually bringing forward collections due on 24 and 25 December to 22 and 24 December respectively. However, there would be great concern that this would result in a very large number of unrepresented bins due to residents not realising their collection day had been brought forward until it was too late.

This would then mean that those residents would have gone 14 days between collections and a great deal of customer dissatisfaction.

3.6 With this programme detailed in 3.5, it would also result in 3 different collection timescales dependent on your normal collection day:

Monday	-	1 week early followed by 1 week normal
Tuesday	-	1 week early followed by 1 week late
Wed/Thurs/Fri	-	2 weeks late

4 RECYCLING

4.1 The refuse rounds that are on the Kerbside Recycling Scheme would follow exactly the same programme as those on the standard refuse rounds regarding their revised collection day.

4.2 Due to the extra levels of refuse that are generated at this time of year, the grey bin would be collected each week from week beginning 17 December 2001 through until week beginning 7 January 2002. It would then revert to the normal alternate week collection with the green bin.

5 PROMOTION OF COLLECTION PROGRAMME

5.1 It is proposed that residents are made aware of the Christmas/New Year collection programme using the following methods:

- Front page of Rochford District Matters with cut off edge

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- A5 flyer posted through letterboxes to be distributed by the Post Office
 - Programme advertised on RDC Website
 - A3 size posters displayed in Rochford offices reception and the Civic Suite.

6 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

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

7 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The cost to the Council for the posting of the A5 flyers via the Post Office Door to Door Service is £1,336 which will be met from existing budget provision.

8 RECOMMENDATION

- 8.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**
- (1) That the proposed programme of refuse collection detailed in Section 3.1 of this report be implemented over this year's Christmas/New Year period.
 - (2) That the methods of advertising the collection programme detailed in Section 5 be implemented. (CD (F&ES))

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Background Papers:

None.

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