CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR REFUSE AND RECYCLING COLLECTIONS

1 SUMMARY

1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide proposals for the timetabling of the refuse and recycling collection services during the Christmas and New Year period and other Bank Holidays throughout the year.

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 and recycling collections is implemented in order to minimise the disruption to the residents of the district.
- 2.2 Two collection timetables have been drawn up for Members' consideration that seek to minimise the disruption to residents' normal collection service.

3 OPERATIONAL PROPOSALS

3.1 Proposal (A)

| Normal Collection Day | | Revised Collection Day | | Recycling Week 1 or 2 |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Monday (Bank Holiday) | 25 December | Wednesday | 27 December | Week 1 |
| Tuesday (Bank Holiday) | 26 December | Thursday | 28 December | Week 1 |
| Wednesday | 27 December | Friday | 29 December | Week 1 |
| Thursday | 28 December | Saturday | 30 December | Week 1 |
| Friday | 29 December | Tuesday | 2 January | Week 1 |
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| Monday | 1 January | Wednesday | 3 January | Week2 |
| (Bank Holiday) | | | | |
| Tuesday | 2 January | Thursday | 4 January | Week2 |
| Wednesday | 3 January | Friday | 5 January | Week2 |
| Thursday | 4 January | Saturday | 6 January | Week2 |
| Friday | 5 January | Monday | 8 January | Week2 |
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| Monday | 8January | Tuesday | 9 January | Week 1 |
| Tuesday | 9 January | Wednesday | 10 January | Week 1 |
| Wednesday | 10 January | Thursday | 11 January | Week 1 |
| Thursday | 11 January | Friday | 12 January | Week 1 |
| Friday | 12 January | Saturday | 13 January | Week 1 |

- 3.2 By using this collection programme, the longest period of time between collections will be 9 days for those properties on a Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday collection and for those normally collected on a Friday, the longest period between collections will be 11 days.
- 3.3 Excess refuse will be collected from Wednesday, 27 December 2006 until Monday, 8 January 2007 but residents will be limited to presenting a maximum of six additional bags on each collection day during this period.
- 3.4 This proposal would involve residents having a different to normal collection day for a three-week period, with normal collection days re-commencing on Monday, 15th January 2007, one week earlier than Proposal (B).
- 3.5 The last collection day for this proposal will be Saturday, 13th January 2007.

3.6 Proposal (B)

| Normal Collection Day | | Revised Collection Day | | Recycling Week 1 or 2 |
|---------------------------|-------------|------------------------|-------------|--------------------------|
| Monday (Bank Holiday) | 25 December | Wednesday | 27 December | Week 1 |
| Tuesday (Bank Holiday) | 26 December | Thursday | 28 December | Week 1 |
| Wednesday | 27 December | Friday | 29 December | Week 1 |
| Thursday | 28 December | Tuesday | 2 January | Week 1 |
| Friday | 29 December | Wednesday | 3 January | Week 1 |
| | | | | |
| Monday (Bank Holiday) | 1 January | Thursday | 4 January | Week 2 |
| Tuesday | 2 January | Friday | 5 January | Week 2 |
| Wednesday | 3 January | Saturday | 6 January | Week 2 |
| Thursday | 4 January | Monday | 8 January | Week 2 |
| Friday | 5 January | Tuesday | 9 January | Week 2 |
| | | | | |
| Monday | 8 January | Wednesday | 10 January | Week 1 |
| Tuesday | 9 January | Thursday | 11 January | Week 1 |
| Wednesday | 10 January | Friday | 12 January | Week 1 |
| Thursday | 11 January | Saturday | 13 January | Week 1 |
| Friday | 12 January | Monday | 15 January | Week 1 |
| | | | | |
| Monday | 15 January | Tuesday | 16 January | Week 2 |
| Tuesday | 16 January | Wednesday | 17 January | Week 2 |
| Wednesday | 17 January | Thursday | 18 January | Week 2 |
| Thursday | 18 January | Friday | 19 January | Week 2 |
| Friday | 19 January | Saturday | 20 January | Week 2 |

- 3.7 By using this collection programme the longest period of time between collections for those properties on a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday collection would be 9 days and for those normally collected on a Thursday or Friday collection, the longest period between collections would be 12 days.
- 3.8 Excess refuse will be collected from Wednesday, 27 December 2006 until Tuesday, 9 January 2007 but residents will be limited to presenting a maximum of six additional bags on each collection day during this period.
- 3.9 This process would involve residents having a different to normal collection day for a four-week period and then normal collection days would recommence on Monday, 22 January 2007 – one week later than proposal (A).
- 3.10 The last collection day for this proposal will be Saturday, 20 January 2007.
- 3.11 The reason for putting forward this proposal is primarily due to Serviceteam's Manager's concerns around obtaining sufficient workforce on the Saturday between the Christmas and New Year period that was used as part of proposal (A). However, a similar schedule to proposal (A) was used last year where the middle Saturday was actually New Year's Eve and there were no workforce issues on that occasion.

4 ENVIRONMENTAL IMPLICATIONS

4.1 The efficient collection of the district's refuse is important for the environmental conditions that exist throughout the district.

5 **RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 The cost to the Council for the notification of the revised collection timetable for all the Bank Holidays in the year, which will be provided on A5 sized folded card, is approximately £3,500 and can be met from existing budget provision.

6 **RECOMMENDATION**

6.1 It is proposed that the Committee **RESOLVES**

That the implementation of proposal (A) be agreed on the basis that normal collections would be resumed one week earlier than in proposal (B).

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Background Papers:-

None

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