

(For Democratic Services use)

Decision Number: 10 (2018/19)

Portfolio Holder Executive Decision Statement

The Local Authority (Executive Arrangements) (Meetings and Access to Information) (England) Regulations 2012

Subject: Christmas & New Year collections 2018/19

Details of Decision taken:

Agreement of refuse and recycling collection arrangements 22/12/18 to 05/01/19.

Reason for Decision:

Refuse and recycling collections over the Christmas period require specific consideration as there are two public holidays in the same collection week. It is not possible to work on Sundays due to Waste Transfer Station restrictions. Christmas Day and Boxing Day fall on Tuesday and Wednesday this year. A weekly collection service can be maintained by collecting from properties, normally due a weekly collection on Monday 24th December, on the previous Saturday 22nd December and those due on Tuesday, 25th December on Monday, 24th December. Collections on subsequent days are then only one day later than normal so avoiding long gaps between collection delays and keeping the overall alternative collection day period as short as practically possible. Collection teams will need to work three Saturday catch up collection days but customers receive the same number of collections overall.

All Documents considered:

Christmas collection schedule along with Council Leader agreement and Senior Management Team's recommendation to adopt.

Details of any alternative options considered and rejected by the Member when making the Decision:

Christmas Eve collections (Monday) could take place as scheduled. Collections on Christmas Day (Tuesday) could be cancelled allowing Boxing Day (Wednesday) and subsequent weekly collections to take place one day later. Those residents, whose waste would usually be cleared on a Tuesday, would face an interval of fifteen-days between collections and there would be at least double the amount of waste to be collected from those properties during the first week of January.

Financial implications:

Additional payments to refuse collectors for working an additional catch up Saturday will be met from Direct Services Trading Account salaries budget.

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Legal Implications and Risk Assessment Statement:

The Council has an obligation to provide a waste collection service to residents. However, the frequency of collections is determined by Council policy. Residents need to be advised of the collection arrangements.

Collections over the festive period are subject to change each year to accommodate public holidays and availability of the Dunbriek Transfer station to receive residual waste and materials for recycling.

The proposed collection arrangements are considered low risk as they meet the requirement to provide a collection service. Changes in collection days will need to be communicated to all residents but collection intervals are kept as close to weekly intervals as practically possible in accordance with Council policy.

Equality Impacts: (Consideration of impacts under the Public Sector Equality Duty)

Members are reminded of the requirement, under the Public Sector Equality Duty (section 149 of the Equality Act 2010) to have due regard to (i) eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other conduct prohibited by the Equality Act 2010, (ii) advance equality of opportunity between people from different groups, and (iii) foster good relations between people from different groups. The decisions recommended through this paper directly impact on end users. The impact has been analysed and does not vary between groups of people. The results of this analysis are set out immediately below.

The changes to collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year period impact upon all residents and so do not discriminate between people from different groups. The Council's assistance to those residents with valid exemption from the boundary collection criteria will be maintained throughout the period.

Local Member (s), other Portfolio Holders and/or Directors/Heads of Service Consulted:

Councillor Peter Fleming (Council Leader), Cllr Matthew Dickins (Portfolio-holder) and Senior Management team consisting the Chief Executive and Chief Officers.

Details of any conflicts of interest

a) declared by any executive member who is consulted by the Decision Taker


None

b) and any details of dispensations granted by the Chief Executive in respect of any declared conflict

Not applicable

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Decision taken by:	Portfolio Holder for Direct and Trading Services
Signed by Portfolio Holder	
Date of Decision	14 . 10 . 18
Record made by:	Ian Finch
Date of record:	16.10.18

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