

Report on	Environmental Services - Christmas Working Arrangements
Date of Meeting	2 nd December 2019
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	To inform members of the working arrangements in respect of refuse/recycling collection and operation of Recycling Centres during the Christmas and New Year holiday period.
2.0	Background
2.1	Last year following discussion and agreement with the trade unions exactly the same working arrangements were implemented, for the first time, across the Mid Ulster District over the Christmas and New Year period in respect of refuse and recycling collections.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	During the forthcoming festive period 25 th December (Christmas Day) falls on a Wednesday. Therefore all refuse/recycling collections due to take place that day will be carried out instead on Saturday 21 st December. Collections due on Thursday 26 th December (Boxing Day) will take place the following Saturday on 28 th December. Collections due on Wednesday 1 st January 2020 (New Year's Day) will be carried out on Saturday 4 th January.
3.2	All householders affected by these changes (approximately 25,000) will be made directly aware of these arrangements via a "hanger" which will be attached to their wheeled bin during week commencing 16 th December (copy attached). These arrangements have also been advertised in the recently distributed Council Insight magazine (copy attached) and will appear on the Council website and Bin Ovation App nearer the time.
3.3	In relation to our eleven Recycling Centres it is planned that all sites will shut at 3:30 pm on Tuesday 24 th December (Christmas Eve) and reopen as normal on the morning of Friday 27 th December. The sites will close again at 3:30 pm on Tuesday 31 st December (New Year's Eve) and reopen on Thursday 2 nd January 2020.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The three Saturdays on which a service will be provided will be treated as "substitute" Public Holidays with additional payments as per with national conditions.

	Human: In addition to enhanced payment employees are entitled to appropriate TOIL
	Risk Management: None
4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Common arrangements apply across the district.
	Rural Needs Implications: None
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members are asked to note the working arrangements as outlined in this report.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Copy of bin hanger detailing Christmas and New Year refuse collection arrangements
6.2	Extract from Council Insight magazine