

<b>Report on</b>	Environmental Services - Christmas Working Arrangements
<b>Date of Meeting</b>	4th December 2023
<b>Reporting Officer</b>	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director – Environmental Services
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<b>Is this report restricted for confidential business?</b>	Yes	
If 'Yes', confirm below the exempt information category relied upon	No	X

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report</b>
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.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Background</b>
2.1	Since 2018, following discussion and agreement with trade unions, exactly the same working arrangements have been implemented across the Mid Ulster District over the Christmas and New Year period in respect of refuse and recycling collections/services.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main Report</b>
3.1	During the forthcoming festive period refuse and recycling collections due to take place on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> December (Christmas Day) will take place instead on Saturday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December and collections due to take place on Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day) will take place on Saturday 30 <sup>th</sup> December. Collections due to take place on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2024 (New Year's Day) will now take place on Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January (please note this is a change to the arrangements as previously notified to Committee in March 2023).
3.2	The households directly affected by these changes i.e. those usually with a Monday or Tuesday collection, will be informed by means of a bin hanger (copies included at appendix) which will be attached to their wheeled bin week commencing either 11 <sup>th</sup> or 18 <sup>th</sup> December. The arrangements will also be communicated via our website and social media channels.
3.3	Given the length of time between blue bin collections taking place on Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2023 and Saturday 6 <sup>th</sup> January 2024 householders will be encouraged to take any excess recyclable material to their nearest Recycling Centre over the holiday period.
3.4	In relation to the Recycling Centres all eleven sites will be closed on Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> (Christmas Day) and Tuesday 26 <sup>th</sup> December (Boxing Day); reopening on Wednesday 27 <sup>th</sup> December. The sites will also all be closed on Monday 1 <sup>st</sup> January (New Year's Day).
<b>4.0</b>	<b>Other Considerations</b>
<b>4.1</b>	<b>Financial, Human Resources &amp; Risk Implications</b>
	Financial: Additional payments (as per with national conditions) will be made to employees required to work on the statutory/public holidays

	Human: In addition to enhanced payment employees are entitled to appropriate TOIL
	Risk Management: None
<b>4.2</b>	<b>Screening &amp; Impact Assessments</b>
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Common arrangements will apply across the district
	Rural Needs Implications: None
<b>5.0</b>	<b>Recommendation(s)</b>
5.1	Members are asked to note the working arrangements as outlined in this report.
<b>6.0</b>	<b>Documents Attached &amp; References</b>
6.1	Copies of bin hangers detailing alternative refuse/recycling collection arrangements.