

Report on	Environmental Services - Christmas Working Arrangements
Date of Meeting	8th December 2020
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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	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.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	During the forthcoming festive period 25 th December (Christmas Day) falls on a Friday. Therefore, all refuse/recycling collections due to take place that day will be carried out instead on Saturday 19 th December. Collections will take place as normal on Monday 28 th December (Boxing Day Bank Holiday). Collections due to take place on Friday 1 st January 2021 (New Year's Day) will be carried out instead on Saturday 2 nd January 2021.
3.2	All householders affected by these changes (approximately 15,000) will be made directly aware of these arrangements via a "hanger" which will be attached to their wheeled bin during week commencing 14 th December (copy attached). These arrangements will also be highlighted on the Council website and via the Bin Ovation App at the appropriate time.
3.3	In relation to our eleven Recycling Centres it is planned that all sites will shut at 3:30 pm on Thursday 24 th December (Christmas Eve) and reopen as normal on the morning of Monday 28 th December. The sites will close again at 3:30 pm on Thursday 31 st December (New Year's Eve) and reopen again as normal on Saturday 2 nd January 2021.
3.4	The only remaining public/bank holiday in 2020/21 is St Patricks Day on Wednesday 17 th March when refuse collection will take place and Recycling Centres will open as normal.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	Financial: The two 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