

Report on	Environmental Services - Christmas Working Arrangements
Date of Meeting	5 th December 2022
Reporting Officer	Mark McAdoo, Assistant Director – Environmental Services
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	No	X

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 refuse and recycling collections due to take place on Monday 26 th December (Boxing Day) will take place instead on Saturday 24 th December. All other collections will take place as normal including that on Monday 2 nd January 2023.
3.2	The households directly affected by the above change will be informed by means of a bin hanger (copy included at appendix 1) which will be attached to their wheeled bin on Monday 12 th or 19 th December as well as communicated via Council website and social media.
3.3	In relation to our eleven Recycling Centres it is planned that all sites will shut at 4:00pm on Saturday 24 th December (Christmas Eve) and reopen on the morning of Tuesday 27 th December (excluding the site at Fivemiletown which is normally closed on Tuesday). The sites will close again at 4:00pm on Saturday 31 st December (New Year's Eve) and reopen again on Tuesday 3 rd January 2023 (with the same exception of the Fivemiletown site).
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	Financial, Human Resources & Risk Implications
	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

4.2	Screening & Impact Assessments
	Equality & Good Relations Implications: Common arrangements will 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 refuse/recycling collection arrangements