



## **Report to Cabinet**

**Subject:** Refuse Collection – Christmas and New Year Arrangements  
2009/10

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### **1. Purpose of the Report**

To advise members of the refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year holiday period 2009/10.

### **2. Background**

Members will recall that in 2008/09 we changed the collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year holiday period. Collections in the week when Christmas Day fell were all moved forward by one day with the normal Monday collection being organised for collection two days earlier on the Saturday. Normal collections immediately following Christmas Day were moved back one day, with another Saturday collection being undertaken in lieu of Boxing Day and the collection which would otherwise have been undertaken on New Year's Day was undertaken on the following Saturday.

Due to an effective publicity campaign the arrangements went very well considering that all properties within the Borough were affected.

However, this year Christmas Day falls on Friday and therefore we have no disposal facilities available on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> December, Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> December and Monday 28<sup>th</sup> December 2009. The last time Christmas Day fell on a Friday was in 1998, well before the introduction of the twin bin scheme and we collected extra bags of waste using street cleansing and highway maintenance operatives.

To overcome these operational problems and to ensure that all properties have refuse collections over the period (subject to weather conditions) I have made arrangements with Nottinghamshire County Council for the disposal facilities to

be opened on Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> December 2009, Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> January 2010 and Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2010.

### 3. Proposals

The following collections days are therefore proposed: -

<b>NORMAL COLLECTION DAY</b>	<b>PROPOSED COLLECTION DAY</b>
Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2009	Saturday 19 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2009	Monday 21 <sup>st</sup> December 2009
Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2009	Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> December 2009
Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Wednesday 23 <sup>rd</sup> December 2009
Friday 25 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Thursday 24 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
Tuesday 29 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2009
Wednesday 30 <sup>th</sup> December 2009	Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009
Thursday 31 <sup>st</sup> December 2009	Saturday 2 <sup>nd</sup> January 2010
Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> January 2010	Sunday 3 <sup>rd</sup> January 2009

From Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2010, normal collection arrangements for all properties would resume.

Separate arrangements will be made for trade waste collections and clinical waste collections as in previous years.

These proposals result in every property being affected twice this year, a day earlier in the week in which Christmas Day falls and either 1 or 2 days later in the following week. If these proposals are accepted this needs to be closely managed with clear, effective and continued communication before, during and after the holiday period.

The following communication channels have been identified:-

- A revised calendar to all properties.
- Key message in Contacts magazine
- Signage on the refuse freighters.
- Leaflets and posters in supermarkets, newsagents, libraries, leisure and community centres
- Advertise in the local papers.
- Key message on Council's website.

#### **4. Financial Implications**

The costs of collection are contained within existing budgets and the production and delivery of revised refuse collection calendars for the period 1<sup>st</sup> December 2009 until 30<sup>th</sup> November 2010 was also planned for within existing budgets.

Advertising costs and posters for the refuse freighters will be in the region of £2,500.00. This has also been allowed for within existing budgets.

#### **5. Recommendation**

That Cabinet approve the proposed refuse collection arrangements over the Christmas and New Year holiday period 2009/10.

#### **6. Wards Affected**

All.

#### **7. Background Papers**

None.