

4 CHRISTMAS AND NEW YEAR SERVICE ARRANGEMENTS (AN452-2005)

It is recommended that:

- all Community Centres, Mitchell Street Centre and The Shore be closed from Friday, 23 December 2005 until Tuesday, 27 December 2005, inclusive; and closed again from Saturday, 31 December 2005 until Tuesday, 3 January, 2006, inclusive.
- Central Library and all Community Libraries be closed from Saturday, 24 December until Tuesday, 27 December 2005, inclusive; and closed again on Monday, 2 January and Tuesday, 3 January 2006.

Experience has shown on the day before festive public holidays that Central Library and Community Libraries are very quiet. It is recommended that libraries scheduled to open beyond 5.00 pm on Friday, 23 December and Friday, 30 December close at 5.00 pm on these dates.

Where appropriate, staff timetables will be adjusted to take account of these opening hours i.e. all staff throughout the Department will have the equivalent of five public holidays. Consultation has taken place with trade union representatives regarding these arrangements.

Notices will be posted advising the public of the holiday period opening hours.

The Corner will be open from 1.00 pm until 4.00 pm on both Saturday, 24 December and Saturday, 31 December, and a Family Planning Doctor will be available from 1.00 pm until 3.00 pm on both of these dates. The Corner will be closed on Monday, 26 December and Tuesday, 27 December 2005, and closed again on Monday, 2 January and Tuesday, 3 January, 2006.

Throughout the Christmas and New Year period Community Safety Wardens will be on duty as usual.