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Hills Municipal Collections confirms end to strike

Hills Municipal Collections has received confirmation that employees who are members of the GMB Union will cease strike and return to work on Friday 18 March. The announcement came following GMB Union's discussions with members today when they agreed to accept a version of an offer that had been previously discussed with GMB Union prior to strike action.

A spokesperson for Hills Municipal Collections said: "Although pleased that the action will now finish, we are frustrated that to all intents and purpose, we have gone full circle, that said, we are pleased that GMB Union members have agreed to accept the deal offered at 7.1% which includes a minimum 2% pay rise back dated to April 2021 and a 5% pay rise from 1 April 2022 with the next annual review in April 2023."

"We look forward to welcoming our colleagues back to work. This has been a stressful time for everyone involved, including ourselves as employers, striking employees, and employees who have not gone on strike, together with our client Wiltshire Council and all the residents of Wiltshire who have not received the level of service they have come to expect. We now have important work to catch up with the recycling services that were suspended."

Household recycling collections will resume on Monday 21 March and residents should put out their black box and blue lidded bin on their scheduled day. If recycling bins are not emptied on their scheduled day people are asked to leave them out, and they will be collected as soon as possible. Any additional recycling materials stockpiled during the disruption will be collected. People are asked to put those items in non-black bags or containers (such as a plastic crate) next to their recycling bins. Household and garden waste collections continue as normal and people are asked to put those bins out on their normal collection day. There could still be slight delays so people are asked to leave their bins out until collected. END

Notes to editors:

Wiltshire Council awarded a contract to Hills Municipal Collections in 2018 to collect waste and recycling from all homes in Wiltshire. The service includes black bag waste, recyclables and green waste, as well as clinical, bulky waste and bin deliveries. The service collects from over 220,000 homes in Wiltshire which receive a fortnightly collection of waste and recyclables.

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