Industrial action called off

The proposed strike action by Somerset waste collection crews has been called off.

This follows a positive response to a Unite ballot of its members on an improved pay offer from SUEZ recycling and recovery UK, the Council's collections contractor.

Services should operate as usual and residents can present their waste in the usual way.

Mickey Green, Somerset Council's Executive Director for Climate and Place, said:

"We're very glad that this dispute has been resolved without industrial action.

"Crews make more than 350,000 collections each week, in all weathers, helping us achieve our highest ever recycling rates. It's a tough job and we know how valued these services are by our residents."

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