

Bath & North East Somerset Council

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| DECISION MAKER: | Cllr Chris Watt, Cabinet Member for Children's Services | | |
| DECISION DATE: | On or after 26 th March 2011 | EXECUTIVE FORWARD PLAN REFERENCE: | |
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| TITLE: | Term and Holiday Dates 2012-13 School Year | | |
| WARD: | All | | |
| AN OPEN PUBLIC ITEM | | | |
| List of attachments to this report: Appendix A – Proposed School Term and Holiday Dates 2012-13 Academic Year | | | |

1 THE ISSUE

1.1 This report asks the Executive Portfolio holder for Children's Services to agree the School Term and Holiday dates for the academic year 2012-13.

2 RECOMMENDATION

The Cabinet member is asked to agree that:

2.1 The School Term and Holiday dates as shown in Appendix A are adopted for the 2012-13 academic year.

3 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 If the dates shown in Appendix A are agreed there will be 188 school days in the 2012-13 financial year. In the 2011-12 financial year there will be 194 school days. As the Home to School Transport budget is flexed depending on the number of school days in each year there will be 6 less days in 2012-13 when school transport will be provided. This will lead to a saving of approx £140,000 in that year.

4 CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- *Improving life chances of disadvantaged teenagers and young people*

5 THE REPORT

- 5.1 The Education [Schools and Further Education] Regulations indicate that in each academic year a school shall be open to receive pupils for not less than 380 sessions or 190 days. These proposed dates satisfy those requirements.
- 5.2 Officers from our neighbouring authorities have agreed on the same dates for consultation.
- 5.3 The proposed term dates contain as many complete weeks as possible. When a holiday occurs for part of the week only, pupil absence is higher for the remainder of that week.
- 5.4 Academies are outside of Local Authority control and are therefore free to adopt their own dates.

6 RISK MANAGEMENT

- 6.1 The report author and Cabinet member have fully reviewed the risk assessment related to the issue and recommendations, in compliance with the Council's decision making risk management guidance.

7 EQUALITIES

- 7.1 A proportionate equalities impact assessment is not required in this case.

8 RATIONALE

- 8.1 The dates as set out in Appendix A are recommended for approval so common dates with neighbouring authorities are maintained.

9 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 9.1 None

10 CONSULTATION

10.1 Cabinet members; Trades Unions; Staff; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Local Residents; Community Interest Groups; Youth Council; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer.

10.2 Consultation took place with all schools during Term 2 of the 2010-11 Academic Year. Consultation has also taken place with the Trade Unions. The proposals were outlined on the Bath and North East Somerset Web Site and sent to the Democratic Action for B&NES Youth.

10.3 No comments to the proposed dates have been received.

11 ISSUES TO CONSIDER IN REACHING THE DECISION

11.1 Social Inclusion; Customer Focus; Sustainability; Human Resources; Property; Young People; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations.

12 ADVICE SOUGHT

12.1 The Council's Monitoring Officer (Divisional Director – Legal and Democratic Services) and Section 151 Officer (Divisional Director - Finance) have had the opportunity to input to this report and have cleared it for publication.

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