

## Single Member Cabinet Decision

**Executive  
Forward Plan  
Reference****E3595****To approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2026-2027 academic year**

<b>Decision maker/s</b>	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
<b>The Issue</b>	To approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2026-2027 academic year
<b>Decision Date</b>	17th March 2025
<b>The decision</b>	The Cabinet Member agrees to approve the Council's preferred calendar of school term and holiday dates and to recommend these to all schools for the 2026-27 academic year.
<b>Rationale for decision</b>	<p>Following consultation, local authorities are expected to approve a calendar of school term and holiday dates for schools within their area.</p> <p>Multi Academy Trusts (MATs), Academies, Foundation, Free Schools and Voluntary Aided Schools have the power to determine their own dates.</p> <p>The Council proposes a 195-day model for term dates with 5 in-service days being taken outside of these dates.</p> <p>The Council endeavours to set dates in line with neighbouring local authorities where this is possible.</p> <p>Following approval of the agreed school term and holiday dates these will be circulated to all schools and published on the Council's website</p>
<b>Financial and budget implications</b>	<p>Timing of the Easter holiday period may vary slightly from year to year but an increase in costs in one year will be compensated by a fall in costs the following year.</p> <p>If as a result of a school adopting their own dates, there is an increase in home to school transport costs the Council will recover the additional cost from the school</p>
<b>Issues considered</b>	Social Inclusion; Sustainability; Human Resources; Young People; Equality (age, race, disability, religion/belief, gender, sexual orientation); Corporate; Health & Safety; Impact on Staff; Other Legal Considerations
<b>Consultation undertaken</b>	Cabinet colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
<b>How consultation was carried out</b>	Consultation and discussion took place with neighbouring authorities in December 2024. Public and stakeholder consultation was carried out

	between 3rd January 2024 and 14 <sup>th</sup> February 2025. The proposed dates were placed on the consultations page of the Council's website.
<b>Other options considered</b>	None – to ensure the proposed dates align as closely as possible to neighbouring local authorities.
<b>Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:</b>	None
<b>Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:</b>	None

<b>Name and Signature of Decision Maker</b>	Cllr Paul May Cabinet Member for Children's Services
<b>Date of Signature</b>	17.03.25
<b>Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision</b>	