

Single Member Cabinet Decision

Executive
Forward Plan
Reference**E3683****To approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2027-2028 academic year**

Decision maker/s	Cllr Paul May, Cabinet Member for Children's Services
The Issue	To approve the school term and holiday dates for the 2027-2028 academic year
Decision Date	16th March 2026
The decision	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 2027-28 academic year.
Rationale for decision	<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>
Financial and budget implications	<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 costs from the school.</p>
Issues considered	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
Consultation undertaken	Cabinet colleagues; Other B&NES Services; Service Users; Stakeholders/Partners; Other Public Sector Bodies; Section 151 Finance Officer; Monitoring Officer
How consultation	Consultation and discussion took place with neighbouring authorities in

was carried out	December 2025. Public and stakeholder consultation was carried out between Friday 9 th January to Friday 20 th January 2026. The proposed dates were placed on the consultation pages of the Council's website which is accessible to the public.
Other options considered	None – to ensure the proposed dates align as closely as possible to neighbouring local authorities.
Declaration of interest by Cabinet Member(s) for decision:	None
Any conflict of interest declared by anyone who is consulted by a Member taking the decision:	None

Name and Signature of Decision Maker/s	<p>Cllr Paul May</p> 
Date of Signature	16/03/26

Subject to Call-in until 5 Working days have elapsed following publication of the decision