



Derby City Council

Council Cabinet
30 April 2014

ITEM 11

Report of the Cabinet Member for Children and
Young People

CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20

SUMMARY

- 1.1 Setting school term and holiday dates in advance is a standard Local Authority function.
- 1.2 This is done through consultation with stakeholders.
- 1.3 Schools use this as a basis for setting their closure dates for staff training, and holidays.
- 1.4 The aim is secure reasonable consistency in particular for families who have connections with different schools.

RECOMMENDATION

- 2.1 To agree the school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2015-16, 2016-17, 2017-18, 2018-19 and 2019-20 (see appendix 2).
- 2.2 To authorise circulation of the proposed dates.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATION

- 3.1 Officers have consulted widely with school staff, governors, parents and neighbouring authorities about the proposed dates.
- 3.2 The dates in appendix 2 reflect that consultation and comply with statutory requirements.



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SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 4.1 The Local Authority determines the school term and holiday dates for community schools. Foundation and voluntary aided schools and academies are recommended to adopt the same pattern of dates. From September 2015 schools can set their own term dates as long as they are fulfilling statutory required it is advised that the Local Authority still sets guidelines.
- 4.2 Schools were asked through the schools' circular to consult as widely as possible with their staff and communities. The City Council has made use of its website, Facebook and Twitter feeds with two set of dates for each year currently on the consultation pages of "Your City Your Say". The public consultation is now closed and the majority opted for Option A, to tally with the dates proposed by Derbyshire County Council.
- 4.4 Head teachers were supportive of either set of dates with no clear overall favourite.
- 4.5 Consultation has taken place with all neighbouring councils. Derbyshire County Council has set the same pattern of dates.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

- 5.1 The Local Authority considered other options but chose to consult on two sets of proposed dates as the most sensible option, one of which mirrored Derbyshire County Council.

This report has been approved by the following officers:

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| List of appendices: | Appendix 1 – Implications |

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| | Appendix 2 – Table of dates |
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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial and Value for Money

1.1 none

Legal

2.1 Under the Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations 1999, as amended, each school must have 380 school sessions (half a day each) per academic year. Any teacher training (INSET) days are usually above and beyond this, and can be chosen by individual schools. Under proposals in the Deregulation Bill all schools will be able to set their own term dates from September 2015

Personnel

3.1 none

Equalities Impact

4.1 none

Health and Safety

5.1 none

Environmental Sustainability

6.1 none

Asset Management

7.1 none

Risk Management

8.1 none

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

9.1 none