



DERBY CITY COUNCIL

**CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE
SERVICES MEETING****DATE 21 November 2006**

Report of the Corporate Director for Children and Young People

**CONSULTATION ON SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES
2008/09****RECOMMENDATION**

1. To agree the school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2008/09 (see appendix 2).

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 The department has consulted widely with school staff, governors, parents and neighbouring authorities about the proposed dates.
- 2.2 The dates were agreed with Heads' Liaison Group, representing all schools, at their meeting on 19 October.

SUPPORTING INFORMATION

- 3.1 The Local Authority determines the school term and holiday dates for community schools. Foundation and voluntary aided schools are recommended to adopt the same pattern of dates.
- 3.2 The proposed dates have been set in line with those proposed by the Local Government Association, which is keen to have uniformity nationally on dates.
- 3.3 Schools were asked to consult as widely as possibly with their staff and communities. The responses are largely supportive of the suggested dates with only concern expressed about Derbyshire County Council potentially having different dates.
- 3.3 All primary and secondary heads were in favour of the dates at their recent meeting. Heads' Liaison Group supported the dates recommended at their meeting on 19 October 2006.
- 3.4 The NASUWT response is not positive and have expressed concerns that the dates proposed will mean the 'summer holiday' will be 5 weeks 6 days rather than 6 weeks. They have threatened strike action as a result. Their response is attached as Appendix 3.
- 3.5 The County have not yet set their dates for 2008-09, and would like to know the outcome of our consultation and would aim to set dates in line with ours.

OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED

4. The Local Authority considered other options but chose to go with one set of proposed dates as the most sensible option.

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Background papers:

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Appendix 1 - Implications

Appendix 2 – School term and holiday dates 2008/09

Appendix 3 – NASUWT response

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| IMPLICATIONS |
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Financial

1. None.

Legal

2. The dates set comply with the legal requirement for 195 teaching days. Schools can then chose the dates for their 5 INSET days.

Personnel

3. None.

Equalities impact

4. None.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

5. The proposal comes under the Council's Objectives of **job opportunities, strong and positive neighbourhoods, education** and **integrated cost effective services**.

Appendix 2

SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2008/2009

2008/2009

Teaching days

Autumn 2008

Wednesday 3 September to Friday 24 October
Monday 3 November to Friday 19 December

73

Spring 2009

Monday 5 January to Friday 13 February
Monday 23 February to Friday 3 April

60

Summer 2009

Monday 20 April to Friday 22 May
Monday 1 June to Wednesday 22 July

62

TOTAL 195

Bank Holidays

25 and 26 December, January 1 2009, Good Friday – 10 April, Easter
Monday – 13 April, 4 May, 25 May

APPENDIX 3



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Sian Hoyle
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30th September 2006

Dear Sian

Derby City Council Proposed Term Dates – 2008/9

I am formally responding to the Council on behalf of NASUWT on this matter.

NASUWT is opposed to the proposed term dates because they do not ensure that the six weeks' holiday is preserved in 2008. NASUWT therefore requests that the Council further consults on proposals which ensure that the six weeks' holiday is preserved.

Should it be necessary, NASUWT would be prepared to declare a collective dispute and take strike action to ensure the preservation of the six weeks' holiday – however, we would hope to reach agreement with the local authority in order to meet members' aspirations in this area which would avoid the necessity of strike action.

Best Wishes.

Yours sincerely

Dave Wilkinson (Derby NASUWT Branch Secretary)