

REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 9 DECEMBER 2013

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2015/16 & 2016/17

REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

REPORT NO: 514-2013

1.0 PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek approval of the scheme for school terms and holidays for sessions 2015/16 and 2016/17.

2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the scheme (Appendix 1 refers) of school terms and holidays for sessions 2015/16 and 2016/17.

3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1 None

4.0 MAIN TEXT

- 4.1 This report seeks Committee approval for the school term and holidays for sessions 2015/16 and 2016/17 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.
- 4.2 The start of session 2015/16 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 26 November 2012 (report no. 444-2012 refers).
- 4.3 The scheme proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 190 days for pupils.
- 4.4 It is proposed that, in 2015/16, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 17 August 2015, 12 and 13 November 2015, 11 February 2016 and 27 May 2016. In session 2016/17 it is proposed that these dates should be 15 August 2016, 10 and 11 November 2016, 9 February 2017 and 26 May 2017.
- 4.5 It is proposed that, in 2015/16 the February mid-term holiday be held 12 and 15 February 2016, following on from the in-service day on 11 February 2016. In session 2016/17 it is proposed that these dates should be 10 and 13 February 2017, following on from the in-service day on 9 February 2017.
- 4.6 At their meeting on 24th May 2010 (report no. 279-2010 refers), the Education Committee agreed that, from session 2011/12 onwards, the October holiday should be held in the second and third weeks of October. It is proposed that, in 2015/16, the autumn fortnight will begin on 12 October 2015. In session 2016/17, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 10 October 2016.
- 4.7 In session 2015/16 Christmas Day falls on a Friday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday 23 December 2015 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday 7 January 2016. In session 2016/17 Christmas Day falls on a Sunday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 23 December 2016 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 9 January 2017.
- 4.8 In session 2015/16 Good Friday is on Friday 25 March 2016 and will be a holiday. In session 2016-17 Good Friday is on Friday 14 April 2017 and will be part of the spring holiday.

- 4.9 In session 2015/16 the May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (2nd) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 30 May 2016. In session 2016/17 the May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (1st) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 29 May 2017.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2015/16 will be Friday 1 July 2016. The end of session in 2016/17 will be Thursday 29 June 2017.

5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environment assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues.

6.0 CONSULTATIONS

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, Director of Corporate Services, Head of Democratic and Legal Services, teacher associations, Head Teacher organisations, staff unions, and the Directors of Education in Angus, Fife and Perth & Kinross Councils.

7.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS

- 7.1 None.

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DATE: 18/11/13

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2015/16				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 17 August 2015	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 18 August 2015		
	End		Friday 9 October 2015		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 12 October 2015		
Holiday	End		Friday 23 October 2015 (10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 26 October 2015		
Term			Thursday 12 November 2015	Day 2	
			Friday 13 November 2015	Day 3	
	End		Wednesday 23 December 2015		41
Christmas	Start		Thursday 24 December 2015		
Holiday	End		Wednesday 6 January 2016 (10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Thursday 7 January 2016		
Term			Thursday 11 February 2016	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 12/15 February 2016 (Mid Term)		
			Friday 25 March 2016 (Good Friday)		
	End		Friday 1 April 2016		58
Spring	Start		Monday 4 April 2016		
Holiday	End		Friday 15 April 2016 (10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 18 April 2016		
Term			Monday 2 May 2016 May Day		
			Friday 27 May 2016	Day 5	
			Monday 30 May 2016 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 1 July 2016		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2015/16

Closure Day 1	Monday 17 August 2015	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 12 November 2015	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 13 November 2015	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Thursday 11 February 2016	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 27 May 2016	Citywide

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	End		Friday 7 October 2016		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 10 October 2016		
Holiday	End		Friday 21 October 2016 (10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 24 October 2016		
Term			Thursday 10 November 2016	Day 2	
			Friday 11 November 2016	Day 3	
	End		Friday 23 December 2016		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 26 December 2016		
Holiday	End		Friday 6 January 2017 (10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 9 January 2017		
Term			Thursday 9 February 2017	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 10/13 February 2017 (Mid Term)		
	End		Friday 31 March 2017		
					57
Spring	Start		Monday 3 April 2017		
Holiday	End		Friday 14 April 2017 (Good Friday) (10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 17 April 2017		
Term			Monday 1 May 2017 May Day		
			Friday 26 May 2017	Day 5	
			Monday 29 May 2017 Victoria Day		
	End		Thursday 29 June 2017		51
			TOTAL		190
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CLOSURE DAYS 2016/17

Closure Day 1	Monday 15 August 2016	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 10 November 2016	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 11 November 2016	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Thursday 9 February 2017	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 26 May 2017	Citywide