

3 PROPOSAL TO MOVE 4TH MAY, 2020 PUBLIC HOLIDAY TO FRIDAY, 8TH MAY, 2020 TO MARK VE DAY (AN66-2019)

The UK government has recently announced a change to the date of the Early May Bank Holiday next year. It has been shifted from 4th May to 8th May to coincide with celebrations for the 75th anniversary of VE Day. See <https://www.gov.scot/publications/bank-holidays/>.

The Scottish Government contacted Councils at the end of June requesting that consideration be given to where possible scheduling school holidays/in-service days to allow as many people as possible to participate in any celebrations planned for this significant anniversary.

Perth and Kinross and Angus Councils have scheduled 8th May as a school holiday replacing the traditional May Day holiday. SQA have also reserved 8th May as a Bank Holiday with no examinations being held on that day. 4th May however now has SQA examinations in Higher and Advanced Higher English scheduled.

It is proposed that the holiday planned for 4th May, 2020 be moved to 8th May, 2020. Trade Unions, Head Teachers and Parent Council Chairs have been consulted on this proposed change.

The Committee's approval is requested.