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REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 28 MARCH 2016

REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2017/18 AND 2018/19

REPORT BY: EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN AND FAMILIES SERVICE

REPORT NO: 122-2016

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 2017/18 and 2018/2019.

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 2017/18 and 2018/2019.

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 2017/18 and 2018/2019 in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.
- 4.2 The start of session 2016/17 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 9 December 2013 (report no. 514-2013 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 2017/18, in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 14 August 2017, 16 and 17 November 2017, 15 February 2018 and 25 May 2018. In session 2018/19 it is proposed that these dates should be 13 August 2018, 15 and 16 November 2018, 14 February 2019 and 23 May 2019. It is further proposed that future election dates in the month of May are used as in-service days. This will minimise the time lost to education in schools used as polling stations.
- 4.5 It is proposed that, in 2017/18 the February mid-term holiday be held 16 and 19 February 2018, following on from the in-service day on 15 February 2018. In session 2018/19 it is proposed that these dates should be 15 and 18 February 2019 followed by the in-service day on 19 February 2019.
- 4.6 Reference is made to Article 2 of the meeting of this Committee of 24th May 2010 (report no. 279-2010 refers), where 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 2017/18, the autumn fortnight will begin on 9 October 2017. In session 2018/19, it is proposed that the autumn fortnight will begin on 8 October 2018.
- 4.7 In session 2017/18 Christmas Day falls on a Monday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 22 December 2017 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 8 January 2018. In session 2018/19 Christmas Day falls on a Tuesday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Friday 21 December 2018 and re-open for the spring term on Monday 7 January 2019.

- 4.8 In session 2017/18 Good Friday is on Friday 30 March 2018 and will be a holiday. In session 2018/19 Good Friday is on Friday 19 April 2019 and will be a holiday.
- 4.9 In session 2017/18 the May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (7th) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 28 May 2018. In session 2018/19 the May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (6th) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 27 May 2019.
- 4.10 The end of session in 2017/18 will be Friday 29 June 2018. The end of session in 2018/19 will be Friday 28 June 2019.

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, 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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February 2016

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APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2017/18				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 14 August 2017	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 15 August 2017		
	End		Friday 6 October 2017		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 9 October 2017		
Holiday	End		Friday 20 October 2017 (10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 23 October 2017		
Term			Thursday 16 November 2017	Day 2	
			Friday 17 November 2017	Day 3	
	End		Friday 22 December 2017		43
Christmas	Start		Monday 25 December 2017		
Holiday	End		Friday 5 January 2018 (10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Monday 8 January 2018		
Term			Thursday 15 February 2018	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 16/19 February 2018 (Mid Term)		
			Thursday 29 March 2018		
	End		Friday 30 March (Good Friday) 2018		56
Spring	Start		Monday 2 April 2018		
Holiday	End		Friday 13 April 2018 (10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 16 April 2018		
Term			Monday 7 May 2018 May Day		
			Friday 25 May 2018	Day 5	
			Monday 28 May 2018 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 29 June 2018		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195

CLOSURE DAYS 2017/18

Closure Day 1	Monday 14 August 2017	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 16 November 2017	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 17 November 2017	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Thursday 15 February 2018	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 25 May 2018	Citywide

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			Tuesday 19 February	Day 4	
	End		Friday 29 March 2019		
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Holiday	End		Friday 12 April 2019		
			(10 school days)		
			Friday 19 April (Good Friday)		
Summer	Start		Monday 15 April 2019		
Term			Monday 6 May 2019 May Day		
			Thursday 23 May 2019	Day 5	
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