

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 26 NOVEMBER 2012**  
**REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2014-15**  
**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**  
**REPORT NO: 444-2012**

## **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 session 2014-2015.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the scheme (see Appendix 1) of school terms and holidays for session 2014-2015.

## **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 session 2014-15, in order to give families and staff as much advance notice as possible.

4.2 The start of session 2013-2014 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 23 January 2012 (report no. 23-2012 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-service days for teaching staff should be held on 18 August 2014, 13 & 14 November 2014, 12 February 2015 and 22 May 2015.

4.5 It is proposed that, in 2014-15 the February mid-term holiday be held 13 and 16 February 2015, following on from the in-service day on 12 February 2015.

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 2014-15, the autumn fortnight will begin on 13 October 2014.

4.7 In session 2014-15 Christmas Day falls on a Thursday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Tuesday 23 December 2014 and re-open for the spring term on Wednesday 7 January 2015.

4.8 Good Friday is on Friday 3 April 2015 and will be added on to the Spring holiday.

- 4.9 The May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (4th) and the Victoria Day holiday is on Monday 25 May 2015.
- 4.10 The end of session will be Friday 3 July 2015. The start of session 2015-16 will be 17 August 2015 for staff and 18 August 2015 for pupils.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

This report has been screened for any policy implications in respect of sustainability, strategic environmental assessment, anti-poverty, equality impact assessment and risk management. There are no major issues. An Equality Impact Assessment has been carried out and will be available on the Council Web Site at <http://www.dundee.gov.uk/equanddiv/equimpact/>

## **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 Equality Impact Assessment.

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DATE: 14 November 2012

## EDUCATION DEPARTMENT

## APPENDIX 1

SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2014/2015				IN SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
Autumn	Start	Staff	Monday 18 August 2014	Day 1	
Term	Start	Pupils	Tuesday 19 August 2014		
	End		Friday 10 October 2014		39
Autumn	Start		Monday 13 October 2014		
Holiday	End		Friday 24 October 2014		
			(10 school days)		
Winter	Start		Monday 27 October 2014		
Term			Thursday 13 November 2014	Day 2	
			Friday 14 November 2014	Day 3	
	End		Tuesday 23 December 2014		40
Christmas	Start		Wednesday 24 December 2014		
Holiday	End		Tuesday 6 January 2015		
			(10 school days)		
Spring	Start		Wednesday 7 January 2015		
Term			Thursday 12 February 2015	Day 4	
			Fri/Mon 13/16 February 2015 (Mid Term)		
	End		Thursday 2 April 2015		59
			Friday 3 April 2015 (Good Friday)		
Spring	Start		Monday 6 April 2015		
Holiday	End		Friday 17 April 2015		
			(10 school days)		
Summer	Start		Monday 20 April 2015		
Term			Monday 4 May 2015    May Day		
			Friday 22 May 2015	Day 5	
			Monday 25 May 2015    Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 3 July 2015		52
			TOTAL		190
Total Number of School Days for Pupils					190
Total Number of Working Days for Staff					195
Session	Start	Staff	Monday 17 August 2015		
2014 – 2015		Pupils	Tuesday 18 August 2015		
Notes:    Easter Sunday 5 April 2015					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2015					
Commencement of SQA Examination (subject to confirmation)					

**CLOSURE DAYS 2014/2015**

Closure Day 1	Monday 18 August 2014	Citywide
Closure Day 2	Thursday 13 November 2014	Citywide
Closure Day 3	Friday 14 November 2014	Citywide
Closure Day 4	Thursday 12 February 2015	Citywide
Closure Day 5	Friday 22 May 2015	Citywide