

**REPORT TO: EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 7 DECEMBER 2009**

**REPORT ON: SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS: 2010-2011**

**REPORT BY: DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION**

**REPORT NO: 604-2009**

## **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 2010-2011.

## **2.0 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 It is recommended that the Education Committee notes and approves the scheme (see Appendix) of school terms and holidays for session 2010-2011.

## **3.0 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1 None

## **4.0 MAIN TEXT**

- 4.1 The start of session 2010-2011 was agreed by Dundee City Council Education Committee on 24 November 2008 (report no. 549-2008 refers).
- 4.2 The scheme proposes a school session of 195 days for teaching staff and 189 days for pupils. The pupil session is normally of 190 days duration, but Scottish Government has given approval for an additional in-service day to assist the implementation of the Curriculum for Excellence. This additional day will be Tuesday, 17th August 2010, and pupils will consequently return to school after the summer holiday on Wednesday, 18th August.
- 4.3 It is therefore proposed that in-service days for teaching staff should be held on 16th and 17th August 2010, 11th & 12th November 2010, 10th February 2011 (see paragraph 4.4 below) and 27th May 2011.
- 4.4 Traditionally, the February in-service day has been spread across secondary school clusters. The reason for this arrangement was to enable Quality Improvement Officers to deliver in-service courses across the city, but it had the consequence that some dates aligned with the February mid-term holiday while others did not. Following discussions with Head Teachers and teacher trade unions, it was agreed that there was no longer the same need or demand for this arrangement. It is therefore proposed that the February in-service day should be a citywide day, and end-on to the proposed February mid-term holiday (11th and 14th February).
- 4.5 The proposed autumn fortnight is in accordance with established practice.
- 4.6 Christmas Day falls on a Saturday. It is therefore proposed that schools will close on Wednesday, 22nd December 2010 and re-open for the spring term on Thursday, 6th January 2011.

- 4.7 Good Friday is on Friday 22 April and will be a holiday.
- 4.8 The May Day holiday is on the first Monday in May (2nd) and the Victoria Day holiday is on the last Monday of that month (30th).
- 4.9 The end of session will be Friday, 1 July 2011.

## **5.0 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

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

## **6.0 CONSULTATIONS**

- 6.1 This report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, Depute Chief Executive (Support Services), Director of Finance, 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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30 November 2009

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SCHOOL TERMS AND HOLIDAYS 2010/2011				IN-SERVICE DAYS	PUPIL SCHOOL DAYS
<b>Autumn Term</b>	Start	Staff	Monday 16 August 2010	Day 1	
			Tuesday 17 August 2010	Day 2 (CfE)	
		Pupils	Wednesday 18 August 2010		
	End		Friday 01 October 2010		33
Autumn Holiday	Start		Monday 04 October 2010		
	End		Friday 15 October 2010		
			(10 school days)		
<b>Winter Term</b>	Start		Monday 18 October 2010		
			Thursday 11 November 2010	Day 3	
			Friday 12 November 2010	Day 4	
	End		Wednesday 22 December 2010		46
Christmas Holiday	Start		Thursday 23 December 2010		
	End		Wednesday 5 January 2011		
			(10 school days)		
<b>Spring Term</b>	Start		Thursday 6 January 2011		
			Thursday 10 February 2011	Day 5	
			Fri/Mon 11/14 February 2011 (mid-term)		
	End		Friday 1 April 2011		59
Spring Holiday	Start		Monday 4 April 2011		
	End		Friday 15 April 2011		
			(10 school days)		
<b>Summer Term</b>	Start		Monday 18 April 2011		
			Friday 22 April 2011 Good Friday		
			Monday 02 May 2011 May Day		
			Friday 27 May 2011	Day 6	
			Monday 30 May 2011 Victoria Day		
	End		Friday 01 July 2011		51
<b>TOTAL</b>					<b>189</b>
<b>Total Number of School Days for Pupils</b>					<b>189</b>
<b>Total Number of Working Days for Staff</b>					<b>195</b>
Notes: Easter Sunday: 24 April 2011					
Induction Days for Primary 7 children will be agreed by clusters in June 2011					
Commencement of SQA Examinations: Tuesday, 3 May 2011 (subject to confirmation)					
<b>Session 2011-12</b>	Start	Staff	Monday 15 August 2011		
		Pupils	Wednesday 17 August 2011 (assuming approval for an additional in-service day)		

**IN-SERVICE CLOSURE DAYS: 2010-2011**

**Note that all six closure days are citywide days**

Closure Day 1	Monday 16 August 2010
Closure Day 2 (additional)	Tuesday 17 August 2010
Closure Day 3	Thursday 11 November 2010
Closure Day 4	Friday 12 November 2010
Closure Day 5	Thursday 10 February 2011
Closure Day 6	Friday 27 May 2011