

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET 18 AUGUST 2010**

### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2011/2012**

#### **Report by Executive Director of Educational and Social Services**

#### **1. PURPOSE**

- 1.1 To inform Cabinet of the consultation exercise carried out in relation to school holiday arrangements for school session 2011/2012 and to seek agreement of Cabinet to implement the preferred school holiday option.

#### **2. BACKGROUND - PROPOSAL**

- 2.1 Consultation on proposed school holiday arrangements has taken place with educational establishments and parent councils, the teachers' unions, local Chambers of Commerce, Trades Council and with the local Churches.
- 2.2 The response rate to the consultation process has been limited in recent years and it is generally unusual to gain consensus from all respondents. Members will also recall that the Scottish Ministers have expressed a wish that holidays should be co-ordinated across Authorities. As a result, it is proposed to move the October week from 10-14 October 2011 to 17-21 October 2011 as Glasgow City Council have moved their school October holiday week to this date and it is expected that other neighbouring authorities will consequently move their October week to 17-21 October 2011.
- 2.3 There is also a proposed change to the Spring Bank holiday, recommending a move from Monday 28 May to Monday 4 June 2012. This is to tie in with an expected, although yet to be confirmed by Scottish Government, additional public holiday scheduled for Tuesday 5 June 2012 to commemorate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The outcome is that the previous model of the local holiday weekend at the end of May 2012 will be, subject to Cabinet approval, moved to Friday 1 June and Monday 4 June 2012.
- 2.4 Consultation also took place, on the recommendation of Scottish Government, about moving one of the local school holidays to St Andrew's Day. The result of this consultation was that 10 were in favour of moving a local holiday, 15 were against and 2 had no preference. The East Ayrshire representative of the non-teaching Unions also responded with the view that there was no support from his membership for such a holiday move. The appendices have therefore not included moving a local holiday to St Andrew's Day.
- 2.5 The outcome of the consultation exercise was that of the 36 responses, Appendix II attracted the majority of responses (22), and 14 were in favour of Appendix I. (A copy of the Appendices is attached).

### **3. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

3.1 Nil

### **4. COMMUNITY PLANNING IMPLICATIONS**

4.1 Nil

### **5 RISK IMPLICATIONS**

5.1 Nil

### **6 RECOMMENDATIONS**

6.1 It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (i) agree that Appendix II be accepted as the proposed school holiday arrangements for school session 2011/2012;
- (ii) agree that St Andrew's Day is not adopted as a local holiday; and
- (iii) otherwise, note the contents of the report

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

JS/MC  
20 July 2010

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**East Ayrshire Council**  
**Department of Educational and Social Services**  
**School Holidays and In-Service Dates 2011/2012**

Term	Dates	Main Holidays	Local Holidays	Working Days (Teachers)	In-Service Days	
First	Teachers return	Tuesday 16 August 2011			1	
	Pupils return	Wednesday 17 August 2011	2			
	Local Holiday	Friday 16 September 2011				
	Local Holiday	Monday 19 September 2011				
	October Holiday	Monday 17 October 2011 to Friday 21 October 2011	5			
	Re-Open In-Service Day Curriculum for Excellence In-Service Day Pupils Return	Monday 24 October 2011 Tuesday 25 October 2011 Wednesday 26 October 2011			2	
	Christmas/ New Year Holiday	Thursday 22 December 2011 To Friday 6 January 2012	12		85	
	Second	Teachers/ pupils return	Monday 9 January 2012			
	Holiday	Friday 10 February 2012	1			
	Local Holiday In-Service Day In-Service Day Pupils Return	Monday 13 February 2012 Tuesday 14 February 2012 Wednesday 15 February 2012 Thursday 16 February 2012		1	2	
Easter Holiday	Monday 2 April 2012 to Friday 13 April 2012	10		143		
Third	Re-open/In-Service Day Pupils Return	Monday 16 April 2012 Tuesday 17 April 2012			1	
	May Day	Monday 7 May 2012	1			
	Local Holiday	Friday 1 June 2012		2		
	Local Holiday	Monday 4 June 2012		1		
	Jubilee Holiday** Schools Close (1.00pm)	Tuesday 5 June 2012 Friday 29 June 2012 to				
	2012/2013	Teachers return	Wednesday 15 August 2012	32		
	Pupils return	Thursday 16 August 2012			194	
		61	6	194*	6	

NB

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2. 17 September 2011 (provisional date).
3. Good Friday: 6 April 2012.\*Pupil attendance will be 188 days after deducting 6 in-service days.
4. Jubilee Holiday provisional to be confirmed

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	Christmas/ New Year Holiday	Monday 26 December 2011 To Friday 6 January 2012	10		87	
	Second	Teachers/ pupils return	Monday 9 January 2012			
		Local Holiday	Monday 13 February 2012			
Holiday Holiday		Tuesday 14 February 2012 Wednesday 15 February 2012	2	1		
In-Service Day		Thursday 16 February 2012			2	
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Easter Holiday		Monday 2 April 2012 to Friday 13 April 2012	10		144	
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APPENDIX III

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**MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2011/2012**  
**FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS**

	Schools Open  August 2011	October Week 2011	Christmas Holidays 2011	Spring Holidays 2012	Schools Close June 2012
<i>East Ayrshire Council</i>	16 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October	26 December – 6 January	2 – 13 April	28 June
<i>South Ayrshire Council</i>	16 August (Teachers) 18 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October	26 December – 6 January	2 – 13 April	27 June
<i>North Ayrshire Council</i>	16 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October	22 December – 6 January	2 – 13 April	29 June
<i>Glasgow City Council</i>	15 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)	17-21 October	22 December - 6 January	2-13 April	27 June

\*All dates inclusive