

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### CABINET – 5 MAY 2010

#### PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2011/2012

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

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval to consult with educational establishments, Parent Councils, the Chambers of Commerce, Churches and the Teachers' Unions on the enclosed proposals.

#### 2. BACKGROUND - PROPOSALS

- 2.1 The proposals in the appendices to this paper reflect the patterns which have been accepted in previous years and are likely to meet with greatest acceptance from parents, teachers and other interested parties. The spring break is fixed as the first full 2 weeks in April as per the agreement of the Education Committee on 25 May 2004.
- 2.2 The six in-service training days have been included (one of these is an additional in-service for Curriculum for Excellence). It is proposed to continue with two of these days being in February.
- 2.3 The five local holidays have been included. These are consistent, as far as possible, with local holidays in neighbouring authorities.
- 2.4 In addition, the Scottish Ministers have requested that councils try to achieve some consistency in school holiday arrangements across local authorities and as a result East Ayrshire has been in consultation with authorities elsewhere in the West of Scotland.
- 2.5 The dates proposed in each appendix vary as follows:

##### Christmas

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Wednesday 21 December 2011 and re-open on Monday 9 January 2012.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Friday 23 December 2011 and re-open on Monday 9 January 2012.

##### February Mid Term

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 9 February 2012 and re-open on Tuesday 14 February 2012.

Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 10 February 2012 and re-open on Thursday 16 February 2012. Since there are two in-service days in February pupils will return to school on Monday 20 February 2012.

### Easter

Schools close Friday 29 March 2012 and re-open Monday 16 April 2012 an in-service day.

### Final Day of Term:

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Friday 29 June 2012 and Appendix II proposes that schools close on Thursday 28 June 2012.

### Start of New Session

Both Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Wednesday 15 August 2012.

- 2.6** A comparison of the school holidays proposed for North Ayrshire Council and South Ayrshire Council are attached as Appendix 3. Glasgow City Council has not agreed proposals at the moment.

## **3. FINANCIAL/LEGAL/POLICY/COMMUNITY PLAN/RISK IMPLICATIONS**

- 3.1** Nil

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1** It is recommended that Cabinet:

- (i) agree that this document be issued for consultation;
- (ii) request that the Executive Director of Educational and Social Services produce a further report outlining the results of the consultation process; and
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of this report.

Graham Short  
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

AS/JS/JH  
6 April 2010

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools (01563) 556126 or Janice Shaw, HR Manager (Schools), (01563) 578114.

**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 10 October 2011 to<br>Friday 14 October 2011      | 5                       |                         |                 |  |
|                                 | Re-Open In-Service Day<br>Curriculum for Excellence | Monday 17 October 2011                                   |                         |                         | 2               |  |
|                                 | In-Service Day<br>Pupils Return                     | Tuesday 19 October 2011<br>Wednesday 20 October 2011     |                         |                         |                 |  |
|                                 | Christmas/<br>New Year Holiday                      | Thursday 22 December 2011<br>To<br>Friday 6 January 2012 | 12                      |                         | 85              |  |
|                                 | Second  | Teachers/ pupils return                                  | Monday 9 January 2012   |                         |                 |  |
|                                 |   | Holiday  | Friday 10 February 2012 | 1                       |                 |  |
| Local Holiday                   |   | Monday 13 February 2012                                  |                         | 1                       |                 |  |
| In-Service Day                  |   | Tuesday 14 February 2012                                 |                         |                         | 2               |  |
| In-Service Day<br>Pupils Return |   | Wednesday 15 February 2012<br>Thursday 16 February 2012  |                         |                         |                 |  |
| Easter Holiday                  |   | Monday 2 April 2012 to<br>Friday 13 April 2012           | 10                      |                         | 143             |  |
| Third                           | Re-open/In-Service Day<br>Pupils Return             | Monday 16 April 2012<br>Tuesday 17 April 2012            |                         |                         | 1               |  |
|                                 | May Day   | Monday 7 May 2012  | 1                       |                         |                 |  |
|                                 | Local Holiday                                       | Friday 25 May 2012                                       |                         | 2                       |                 |  |
|                                 | Local Holiday                                       | Monday 28 May 2012                                       |                         |                         |                 |  |
|                                 | Schools Close (1.00pm)                              | Friday 29 June 2012 to                                   |                         |                         |                 |  |
| 2012/2013                       | Teachers return                                     | Wednesday 15 August 2012                                 | 32                      |                         |                 |  |
|                                 | Pupils return                                       | Thursday 16 August 2012                                  |                         | 195                     |                 |  |
|                                 |   | 61   | 5                       | 195*                    | 6               |  |

NB

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2. Ayr Gold Cup 17 September 2011 (provisional date).
3. Good Friday: 6 April 2012.
4. \*Pupil attendance will be 189 days after deducting 6 in-service days.

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|                | In –Service Day                                     | Tuesday 19 October 2011                                |                       |                         |                 |
|                | Pupils Return                                       | Wednesday 20 October 2011                              |                       |                         |                 |
|                | Christmas/<br>New Year Holiday                      | Monday 26 December 2011<br>To<br>Friday 6 January 2012 | 10                    |                         | 87              |
|                | Second  | Teachers/ pupils return                                | Monday 9 January 2012 |                         |                 |
| Local Holiday  |   | Monday 13 February 2012                                |                       |                         |                 |
| Holiday        |   | Tuesday 14 February 2012                               | 2                     | 1                       |                 |
| Holiday        |   | Wednesday 15 February 2012                             |                       |                         | 2               |
| In-Service Day |   | Thursday 16 February 2012                              |                       |                         |                 |
| In-Service Day |   | Friday 17 February 2012                                |                       |                         |                 |
| Pupils Return  |   | Monday 20 February 2012                                |                       |                         |                 |
| Easter Holiday | Monday 2 April 2012 to<br>Friday 13 April 2012      | 10   |                       | 144                     |                 |
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|                | Pupils Return                                       | Tuesday 17 April 2012                                  |                       |                         |                 |
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## Appendix 3

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

|                                       | Schools Open<br>August 2011                      | October Week<br>2011 | Christmas<br>Holidays 2011 | Easter<br>Holidays 2012 | Schools Close<br>June 2012 |
|---------------------------------------|--|----------------------|----------------------------|-------------------------|----------------------------|
| <b>South<br/>Ayrshire<br/>Council</b> | 16 August<br>(Teachers)<br>18 August<br>(Pupils) | 10 – 14<br>October   | 26 December<br>– 6 January | 2 – 13 April            | 27 June                    |
| <b>North<br/>Ayrshire<br/>Council</b> | 16 August<br>(Teachers)<br>17 August<br>(Pupils) | 10-14 October        | 22 December<br>– 6 January | 2 – 13 April            | 29 June                    |

**\*All dates inclusive**