

# EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

## CABINET – 6 MAY 2009

### PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2010/2011

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

#### 1. PURPOSE

- 1.1 To seek approval to consult with educational establishments, parent councils, 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 five in-service training days have been included as has the additional in-service day for Curriculum for Excellence announced recently by the Scottish Government. It is proposed to continue with two of these in-service 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 The Scottish Ministers have requested that we consult on whether one of the five local holidays should be St Andrew's Day 30 November or where 30 November falls on the weekend the Monday following.
- 2.5 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.
- 2.6 The dates proposed in each appendix vary as follows:

#### Christmas

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Tuesday 21 December 2010 and re-open on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Wednesday 22 December 2010 and re-open on Wednesday 5 January 2011.

### February Mid Term

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 10 February 2011 and re-open on Tuesday 15 February 2011.

Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 11 February 2011 and re-open on Thursday 17 February 2010. As there are two in-service days in February, pupils will be on holiday for one week if this is the preferred option.

### Spring Break

Schools close Friday 1 April 2011 and re-open Monday 18 April 2011 an in-service day.

### Final Day of Term:

Both appendices propose that schools close on Thursday 30 June 2011.

### Start of New Session

Both Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Tuesday 16 August 2011.

- 2.7 A comparison of the school holidays proposed for North Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council are attached as Appendix III.

## **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 is 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  
21 April 2009

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact Andrew Sutherland, Head of Service: Schools (01563) 576126 or Janice Shaw, Human Resources Manager (Schools), (01563) 578114.

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**East Ayrshire Council**  
**Department of Educational and Social Services**  
**School Holidays and In-Service Dates 2010/2011**

Term	Dates	Main Holidays	Local Holidays	Working Days (Teachers)	In-Service Days	
First	Teachers return	Monday 16 August 2010			1	
	Pupils return	Tuesday 17 August 2010				
	Local Holiday	Friday 17 September 2010		2		
	Local Holiday	Monday 20 September 2010				
	October Holiday	Monday 11 October 2010 to Friday 15 October 2010	5			
	In-Service Day Curriculum for Excellence In- Service Day	Monday 18 October 2010 Tuesday 19 October 2010			2	
	Pupils Return	Wednesday 20 October 2010				
	Christmas/ New Year Holiday	Wednesday 22 December 2010 to Tuesday 4 January 2011	10		85	
	Second	Teachers/ pupils return	Wednesday 5 January 2011			
		Holiday	Friday 11 February 2011	1		
Local Holiday		Monday 14 February 2011		1		
In-Service Day		Tuesday 15 February 2011			2	
In-Service Day		Wednesday 16 February 2011				
Pupils Return		Thursday 17 February 2011				
Easter Holiday	Monday 4 April 2011 to Friday 15 April 2011	10		61		
Third	In-Service Day	Monday 18 April 2011			1	
	Pupils Return	Tuesday 19 April 2011				
	Easter Weekend	Friday 22 April 2011 Monday 25 April 2011	2			
	May Day	Monday 2 May 2011	1			
	Local Holiday	Friday 27 May 2011		2		
	Local Holiday	Monday 30 May 2011				
	Schools Close (1.00pm)	Thursday 30 June 2011 to				
2011/2012	Teachers return	Tuesday 16 August 2011	32	49		
	Pupils return	Wednesday 17 August 2011				
		61	5	195*	6	

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1. ALL DATES INCLUSIVE
2. Ayr Gold Cup 18 September 2010 (provisional date).
3. Good Friday: 22 April 2011.
4. \*Pupil attendance will be 189 days after deducting 6 in-service days.

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	Christmas/ New Year Holiday	Thursday 23 December 2010 to Tuesday 4 January 2011	9		86	
	Second	Teachers/ pupils return	Wednesday 5 January 2011			
		Local Holiday	Monday 14 February 2011			
Holiday		Tuesday 15 February 2011	2	1		
In-Service Day		Wednesday 16 February 2011				
In-Service Day		Thursday 17 February 2011				
		Friday 18 February 2011			2	
Pupils Return		Monday 21 February 2011				
Easter Holiday	Monday 4 April 2011 to Friday 15 April 2011	10		60		
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9. Curriculum for Excellence In-Service Day 19 October 2010.

**APPENDIX III**

**MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2010/2011  
FOR NEIGHBOURING COUNCILS**

	<b>Schools Open August 2010</b>	<b>October Week 2010</b>	<b>Christmas Holidays 2010</b>	<b>Spring Holidays 2011</b>	<b>Schools Close June 2011</b>
<b><i>South Ayrshire Council</i></b>	<b>16 August (Teachers) 18 August (Pupils)</b>	<b>11 – 15 October</b>	<b>23 December – 6 January</b>	<b>4 – 15 April</b>	<b>30 June</b>
<b><i>North Ayrshire Council</i></b>	<b>16 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)</b>	<b>11 – 15 October</b>	<b>22 December – 4 January</b>	<b>4 – 15 April</b>	<b>30 June</b>
<b><i>Glasgow City Council</i></b>	<b>13 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)</b>	<b>11-15 October</b>	<b>24 December - 4 January</b>	<b>4-15 April</b>	<b>24 June</b>

**\*All dates inclusive**