

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 25 MAY 2004**

#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2005/2006**

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

### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1** To inform the Education Committee of the consultation exercise carried out regarding school holiday arrangements for school session 2005/2006 and to seek agreement of the Committee to implement the preferred school holiday option.

### **2. BACKGROUND**

- 2.1** Consultation on proposed school holiday arrangements has taken place with educational establishments and school boards, the teachers' unions, local Chambers of Commerce, Trades Council and with the local Churches. Three options were provided and these are attached as Appendix I to III.

The response rate to the consultation process has been poor in recent years and it is generally unusual to gain consensus from all parties. Members will also recall that the Scottish Ministers have expressed a wish that holidays should be co-ordinated across Authorities.

- 2.2** Glasgow City Council and a number of other councils have adopted a fixed spring holiday based on the first two full weeks in April. Where Easter falls outwith these two weeks, schools would be on holiday on Good Friday and Easter Monday with these two days coming from within the annual holiday entitlement of teachers.

### **3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1** The result of the consultation exercise is as follows. Of the 45 responses, 34 were in favour of Appendix I, 8 were in favour of Appendix II, and 3 were in favour of Appendix III.

- 3.2** It is therefore proposed that Appendix I be adopted as the school holidays for session 2005/2006. An indication of how the school holiday proposals for 2005/2006 align with North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils is given in Appendix IV.

- 3.3** With regard to the fixed spring holiday break, consultation took place with educational establishments school boards, the teachers unions, local

Chambers of Commerce, Trades Council and with local churches to establish whether East Ayrshire should adopt a fixed spring holiday. Of those who indicated a preference, 19 were in favour of a fixed spring holiday and 4 were against.

- 3.4** It is therefore proposed that from session 2006/2007 East Ayrshire schools will have a fixed spring holiday – the first two full weeks in April and where Easter falls out with these two weeks schools will be on holiday on Good Friday and Easter Monday. These two days will come from within the annual holiday entitlement of teachers.

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

- 4.1** Nil

#### **5. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 5.1** It is recommended that the Education Committee:

- (i) agree that Appendix I is accepted as the proposed school holiday arrangements for school session 2005/2006; and
- (ii) agree that schools have a fixed spring holiday from session 2006/2007 onwards as outlined in paragraph 3.4 above.
- (iii) Otherwise note the contents of the report

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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20 April 2004

#### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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**Implementation Officer – John McCarney**

## APPENDIX I

<b>EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2005/2006

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return	Tues 16 Aug 2005			1
		Pupils return	Wed 17 Aug 2005			
	<b>Local ** Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b>	Thur 15 Sept 2005			
			Frid 16 Sept 2005			
			Mon 19 Sept 2005	2		
		Re-open/	Tues 20 Sept 2005			
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>	Frid 14 Oct 2005			
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 24 Oct 2005	5		1
		<b>Close</b>	Frid 23 Dec 2005		87	
		Re-open	Mon 09 Jan 2006	15		
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>	Thur 09 Feb 2006			
			Frid 10 Feb 2006	16		
	<b>Local Holiday</b>		Mon 13 Feb 2006		1	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 14 Feb 2006			1
		In-Service Day	Wed 15 Feb 2006			1
		<b>Close</b>	Frid 31 Mar 2006		145	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 18 Apr 2006	27		1
<b>Third</b>	May Day	<b>Close</b>	Mon 01 May 2006	28		
			Thur 25 May 2006			
	<b>Local Holiday</b>		Frid 26 May 2006		2	
		Re-open	Mon 29 May 2006			
			Tues 30 May 2006			
		<b>Close</b>	Thur 29 June 2006		195	
		Teachers return	Tues 15 Aug 2006	60	5	195*
						5

**NB:** Good Friday 14 April 2006

\*Pupils attendance will be 190 days after deducting 5 in service days

\*\*Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

## APPENDIX II

<b>EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL</b>
<b>DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL &amp; SOCIAL SERVICES</b>

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		Pupils return	Wed	17 Aug 2005		
	<b>Local ** Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b>	Thur	15 Sept 2005		
			Frid	16 Sept 2005		
			Mon	19 Sept 2005	2	
		Re-open/	Tues	20 Sept 2005		
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>	Frid	14 Oct 2005		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon	24 Oct 2005	5	1
		<b>Close</b>	Wed	21 Dec 2005		85
		Re-open	Thur	05 Jan 2006	15	
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>	Thur	09 Feb 2006		
			Frid	10 Feb 2006	16	
	<b>Local</b>		Mon	13 Feb 2006	1	
		<b>Holiday</b>				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues	14 Feb 2006		1
		In-Service Day	Wed	15 Feb 2006		1
		<b>Close</b>	Frid	31 Mar 2006		145
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues	18 Apr 2006	27	1
<b>Third</b>	May Day		Mon	01 May 2006	28	
		<b>Close</b>	Thur	25 May 2006		
	<b>Local</b>		Frid	26 May 2006		
	<b>Holiday</b>		Mon	29 May 2006	2	
		Re-open	Tues	30 May 2006		
		<b>Close</b>	Thur	29 June 2006		195
		Teachers return	Tues	15 Aug 2006	60	5
					5	195*

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## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2005/2006

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
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		Tues 16 Aug 2005				
		Pupils return				
		Wed 17 Aug 2005				
	<b>Local ** Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 15 Sept 2005				
		Frid 16 Sept 2005				
		Mon 19 Sept 2005		2		
		Re-open				
		Tues 20 Sept 2005				
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 14 Oct 2005				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Mon 24 Oct 2005	5			1
		<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 22 Dec 2005			87	
		Re-open				
		Thur 05 Jan 2006	14			
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 10 Feb 2006				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>					
		Mon 13 Feb 2006		1		
		<b>Holiday</b>				
		Holiday				
		Tues 14 Feb 2006				
		Holiday				
		Wed 15 Feb 2006	15			1
		In-Service Day				
		Thur 16 Feb 2006				1
		<b>In-Service Day</b>				
		Frid 17 Feb 2006				
		<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 31 Mar 2006			145	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Tues 18 Apr 2006	27			1
<b>Third</b>	May Day					
		Mon 01 May 2006	28			
		<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 25 May 2006				
		Frid 26 May 2006				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>					
		Mon 29 May 2006		2		
		Re-open				
		Tues 30 May 2006				
		<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 29 June 2006			195	
		Teachers return				
		Tues 15 Aug 2006				
			60	5	195*	5

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## APPENDIX IV

**MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2005/2006**

	Schools Open August 2005	October Week 2005	Christmas Holidays 2005	Easter Holidays 2006	Schools Close June 2006
<b>East Ayrshire Council</b>	16 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October Inclusive	Close 23 December Re Open 9 January 2006	3 – 17 April Inclusive	29 June 2006
<b>South Ayrshire Council</b>	16 & 17 August In-Service (Teachers) 18 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October Inclusive	Close 23 December Re open 9 January 2006	3 – 17 April Inclusive	29 June 2006
<b>North Ayrshire Council</b>	16 August (Teachers) 17 August (Pupils)	17 – 21 October Inclusive	Close 23 December Re Open 9 January 2006	3 – 17 April Inclusive	29 June 2006

**NOTES:**

1. Teachers in all 3 authorities return to work on 16 August 2005
2. Pupils in North Ayrshire and East Ayrshire return on 17 August 2005 and in South Ayrshire on 18 August 2005
3. All 3 authorities have the same October week's holiday
4. All 3 authorities have the same Christmas holiday
5. All 3 authorities have the same Easter holiday
6. Schools close in all 3 authorities on 29 June 2006

**\*All dates inclusive**