

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 1 FEBRUARY 2005

#### PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2006/2007

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

### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To seek approval to consult with educational establishments, school boards, the Chambers of Commerce, Churches and the teachers' unions on the enclosed proposals.

### 2. PROPOSAL

- 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. Agreement was reached at the Education Committee on 25 May 2004 that the spring break would be fixed as the first two full weeks in April, consistent with the approach in other authorities. Thus, we have reduced the options from three to two as there are only limited variations in holidays possible.
- 2.2 The five in-service training days have been included. It is proposed to continue with two of these days 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 Friday 22 December 2006 and re-open on Monday 8 January 2007.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Thursday 21 December 2006 and re-open on Monday 8 January 2007.

#### February Mid Term

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Thursday 8 February 2007 and re-open on Tuesday 13 February 2007.

Appendix II proposes schools close on Friday 9 February 2007 and re-open on Thursday 15 February 2007. If this option is the preferred option, pupils will have a week's holiday, i.e. 3 days holiday and 2 days of teachers' in-service training.

### Easter

Schools close Friday 30 March 2007 and re-open Monday 16 April 2007.

### Final Day of Term:

Appendix I proposes that schools close on Wednesday 27 June 2007.

Appendix II proposes that schools close on Friday 29 June 2007.

### Start of New Session

Both Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Tuesday 14 August 2007.

- 2.6** The main school holiday dates in Appendix I coincide as far as possible with the main school holiday dates agreed by North Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council.

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

- 3.1** Nil

## **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 4.1** It is recommended that Members of the Education Committee:

- (i) agree that this document is issued for consultation
- (ii) request that the 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

John Mulgrew  
Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

JMcC/JS/JH  
10 January 2005

## **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members requiring further information should contact John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support (01563) 576126 or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools), (01563) 578114.

**Implementation Officer: John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support**

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**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2006/2007**

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return				
		Pupils return				1
		<b>Close</b>				
	<b>Local ** Holiday</b>	Thur 14 Sept 2006				
		Frid 15 Sept 2006				
		Mon 18 Sept 2006		2		
		Re-open/ Tues 19 Sept 2006				
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 13 Oct 2006				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Mon 23 Oct 2006	5			1
		<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 22 Dec 2006			87	
		Re-open				
		Mon 08 Jan 2007	15			
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 08 Feb 2007				
		Frid 9 Feb 2007	16			
	<b>Local</b>	<b>Holiday</b>				
		Mon 12 Feb 2007		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Tues 13 Feb 2007				1
		In-Service Day				
		Wed 14 Feb 2007				1
		<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 30 Mar 2007			145	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Mon 16 Apr 2007	26			1
<b>Third</b>	May Day	<b>Close</b>				
		Mon 07 May 2007	27			
		Thur 24 May 2007				
		Frid 25 May 2007				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	Mon 28 May 2007				
		Re-open				
		Tues 29 May 2007		2		
		<b>Close</b>				
		Wed 27 June 2007			195	
		Teachers return				
		Tues 14 Aug 2007	60	5	195*	5

**NB:** Good Friday 6 April 2007

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

\*\*Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

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		Frid 13 Oct 2006				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Mon 23 Oct 2006	5			1
		<b>Close</b>				
		Thur 21 Dec 2006			86	
		Re-open				
		Mon 08 Jan 2007	16			
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b>				
		Fri 9 Feb 2007				
	<b>Local</b>	<b>Holiday</b>				
		Mon 12 Feb 2007		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Thur 15 Feb 2007	18			1
		In-Service Day				
		Fri 16 Feb 2007				1
		<b>Close</b>				
		Frid 30 Mar 2007			143	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				
		Mon 16 Apr 2007	28			1
<b>Third</b>	May Day	<b>Close</b>				
		Mon 07 May 2007	29			
		Thur 24 May 2007				
		Frid 25 May 2007				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	Mon 28 May 2007				
		Re-open				
		Tues 29 May 2007		2		
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