

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 24 MAY 2005**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2006/2007**

**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 2006/2007 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.

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.

**3. PROPOSAL**

- 3.1** The result of the consultation exercise is as follows. Of the 33 responses, Appendix I attracted a majority of favourable responses (22), and 11 were in favour of Appendix II. (A copy of the Appendices is attached).

- 3.2** It is therefore proposed that Appendix I be adopted as the school holidays for session 2006/2007. An indication of how the school holiday proposals for 2006/2007 align with North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire Councils is given in Appendix III.

**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 2006/2007; and
- (ii) Otherwise note the contents of the report.

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Executive Director of Educational and Social Services

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26 April 2005

### **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 : 2006/2007

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return	Tues	15 Aug 2006		1
		Pupils return	Wed	16 Aug 2006		
	<b>Local ** Holiday</b>	<b>Close</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		Mon	07 May 2007	27	
		<b>Close</b>	Thur	24 May 2007		
	<b>Local</b>		Frid	25 May 2007		
	<b>Holiday</b>		Mon	28 May 2007	2	
		Re-open	Tues	29 May 2007		
		<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)

## APPENDIX II

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

**MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2006/2007**

	Schools Open August 2006	October Week 2006	Christmas Holidays 2006	Easter Holidays 2007	Schools Close June 2007
<b>East Ayrshire Council</b>	15 August (Teachers) 16 August (Pupils)	16-20 October inclusive	Close 22 December 2006 Re-open 8 January 2007	2-13 April inclusive	27 June 2007
<b>North Ayrshire Council</b>	15 August (Teachers) 16 August (Pupils)	16-20 October inclusive	Close 22 December 2006 Re-open 8 January 2007	2-13 April inclusive	27 June 2007
<b>South Ayrshire Council</b>	17 August (Teachers) 21 August (pupils)	16-20 October inclusive	Close 22 December Re-open 8 January 2007	2-13 April inclusive	29 June 2007

**NOTES:**

1. Teachers in East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire return to work on 15 August 2006. Teachers in South Ayrshire return to work on 17 August 2006.
2. Pupils in North Ayrshire and East Ayrshire return on 16 August 2006 and in South Ayrshire on 21 August 2006.
3. All three authorities have the same October week's holiday.
4. All three authorities have the same Christmas holiday.
5. All three authorities have the same Easter holiday.
6. Schools close in North Ayrshire and East Ayrshire on 27 June 2007 and South Ayrshire on 29 June 2007.

**\*All dates inclusive**