

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE -6 FEBRUARY 2001**

#### **PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2002/2003**

##### **Report by 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 JCC on the 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 bodies.
- 2.2** The dates on which teachers will attend for in-service training (5 per annum) have been included. The major change is that 2 in-service training days are proposed in February with none now in April. Under the proposals following the McCrone report it is envisaged that teachers will continue to work for 195 days per year. They would however be expected to complete an additional contracted maximum of 35 hours (equivalent to one working week) per annum. The exact details of this development will emerge in due course and be reported to Committee, subject to wider approval of the proposals
- 2.3** The five local holidays have also been included. These are in line as far as possible to local holidays in East Ayrshire.
- 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 the authorities which made up the former Strathclyde Regional Council.
- 2.5** The dates proposed in each appendix vary as follows:
- Christmas: Appendices I & III propose a return to work on Monday 6 January 2003, whereas Appendix II proposes a return to work on Friday 3 January 2003.
  - February Mid- Term Appendix II & III propose a 1 day holiday on Monday 17 February 2003, whereas Appendix 1 proposes two days holiday Friday 14 February and Monday 17 February 2003.

- Easter: Appendix 1 proposes that schools close on Tuesday 8 April 2003 and re-open on Tuesday 22 April 2003. Appendix II proposes that schools
- close Friday 4 April 2003 and re-open on Tuesday 22 April 2003. Appendix III proposes a 2 week break closing Friday 11 April and re-opening Monday 28 April 2003.
- Final day of term: All three appendices propose schools close on Friday 27 June 2003.
- Start of new session: All three appendices propose teachers return to duty on Friday 15 August 2003 (in-service day).

**2.6** The main school holiday dates in Appendix III coincide with the main school holiday dates proposed but not yet agreed by North Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council. South Ayrshire Council have not yet formulated their school holiday proposals.

**2.7** It is proposed also to consult on a proposal adopted by Argyll and Bute Council and Stirling Council and being considered by some of the ex Strathclyde authorities to fix the Spring holiday as the 1 st Monday in April for 2 weeks. This suggestion will require full consultation with the churches.

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

### **4. RECOMMENDATIONS**

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

- (i) agree that this document is issued for consultation;
- (ii) agree that there is a consultation with the churches regarding the proposal for the fixed Spring holiday;
- (iii) direct the Director of Educational and Social Services to produce a further report outlining the results of the consultation process; and
- (iv) otherwise note the contents of this report.

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 Director of Educational and Social Services  
 GS/CT  
 22 January 2000

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

Members wishing further information should contact Graham Short, Head of Schools Tel: (01563) 576089, or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools) Tel: (01563) 576045.

Implementation Officer: Graham Short

APPENDIX I

**EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL - DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION**

**SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2002/2003**

| TERM   | BREAK    | DATES                              | HOLIDAY<br>TOTAL | LOCAL<br>HOLIDAY | WORKING<br>DAYS<br>(TEACHER) | IN<br>SERVICE<br>DAYS |
|--------|----------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|        |          | In-Service Day/<br>Teachers return |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |          | Pupils return                      |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 16 Aug 2002                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 19 Aug 2002                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Thur 19 Sept 2002                  |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 20 Sept 2002**                 |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 23 Sept 2002                   |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |          | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Tue 24 Sept 2002                   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
| First  | Mid-Term | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 11 Oct 2002                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 21 Oct 2002                    | 5                |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |          | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 20 Dec 2002                    |                  |                  | 84                           |                       |
|        |          | Re-open                            | 15               |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 6 Jan 2003                     |                  |                  |                              |                       |
| Second | Mid-Term | Close                              | 16               |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Thur 13 Feb 2003                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 17 Feb 2003                    |                  | 1                |                              |                       |
|        |          | Local<br>Holiday                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Tues 18 Feb 2003                   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |          | In-Service Day                     |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Wed 19 Feb 2003                    |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |          | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Tues 8 April 2003                  |                  |                  | 149                          |                       |
|        |          | Re-open                            | 25               |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Tues 22 April 2003                 |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
| Third  | May Day  | Mon 5 May 2003                     | 26               |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Thur 22 May 2003                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 23 May 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Mon 26 May 2003                    |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |          | Re-open                            |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Tue 27 May 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 27 June 2003                   |                  |                  | 195                          |                       |
|        |          | Teachers return                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          | Fri 15 Aug 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |          |                                    | 60               | 5                | 195*                         | 5                     |

NB: Good Friday : 18 April 2003

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

\*\*Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

## APPENDIX II

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL : DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2002/2003

| TERM   | BREAK                        | DATES  | HOLIDAY<br>TOTAL | LOCAL<br>HOLIDAY | WORKING<br>DAYS<br>(TEACHER) | IN<br>SERVICE<br>DAYS |
|--------|------------------------------|--|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|        |                              | In-Service Day/<br>Teachers return<br>Pupils return                  |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                              | Fri 16 Aug 2002<br>Mon 19 Aug 2002                                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        | Local<br>Holiday             | Close<br>Thur 19 Sept 2002<br>Fri 20 Sept 2002**<br>Mon 23 Sept 2002 |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |                              | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                              | Tue 24 Sept 2002   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
| First  | Mid-Term                     | Close<br>Fri 11 Oct 2002<br>Re-open/<br>In-Service Day               |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                              | Mon 21 Oct 2002  | 5                |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                              | Close<br>Fri 20 Dec 2002   |                  |                  |                              | 84                    |
|        |                              | Re-open<br>Fri 3 Jan 2003  | 14               |                  |                              |                       |
| Second | Mid-Term<br>Local<br>Holiday | Close<br>Fri 14 Feb 2003<br>Mon 17 Feb 2003                          |                  | 1                |                              |                       |
|        |                              | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                              | Tues 18 Feb 2003   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                              | In-Service Day<br>Wed 19 Feb 2003                                    |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                              | Close<br>Fri 4 April 2003  |                  |                  |                              | 149                   |
|        |                              | Re-open<br>Tues 22 April 2003  | 25               |                  |                              | 1                     |
| Third  | May Day                      | Mon 5 May 2003   | 26               |                  |                              |                       |
|        | Local<br>Holiday             | Close<br>Thur 22 May 2003<br>Fri 23 May 2003<br>Mon 26 May 2003      |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |                              | Re-open<br>Tue 27 May 2003   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                              | Close<br>Fri 27 June 2003  |                  |                  |                              | 195                   |
|        |                              | Teachers return<br>Fri 15 Aug 2003                                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
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|--------|------------------|------------------------------------|------------------|------------------|------------------------------|-----------------------|
|        |                  | In-Service Day/<br>Teachers return |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                  | Pupils return                      |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        | Local<br>Holiday | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Thur 19 Sept 2002                  |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 20 Sept 2002**                 |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 23 Sept 2002                   |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Tue 24 Sept 2002                   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
| First  | Mid-Term         | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 11 Oct 2002                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 21 Oct 2002                    | 5                |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                  | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 20 Dec 2002                    |                  |                  | 84                           |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open                            |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 6 Jan 2003                     | 15               |                  |                              |                       |
| Second | Mid-Term         | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        | Local<br>Holiday | Fri 14 Feb 2003                    | 15               |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 17 Feb 2003                    |                  | 1                |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open/<br>In-Service Day         |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Tues 18 Feb 2003                   |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                  | In-Service Day                     |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Wed 19 Feb 2003                    |                  |                  |                              | 1                     |
|        |                  | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 11 April 2003                  |                  |                  | 153                          |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open                            |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 28 Apr 2003                    | 25               |                  |                              | 1                     |
| Third  | May Day          | Mon 5 May 2003                     | 26               |                  |                              |                       |
|        | Local<br>Holiday | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Thur 22 May 2003                   |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 23 May 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Mon 26 May 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Re-open                            |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Tue 27 May 2003                    |                  | 2                |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Close                              |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 27 June 2003                   |                  |                  | 195                          |                       |
|        |                  | Teachers return                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
|        |                  | Fri 15 Aug 2003                    |                  |                  |                              |                       |
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