

## **EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL**

### **EDUCATION COMMITTEE - 11 APRIL 2002**

#### **SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2003/2004**

##### **Report by 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 2003/2004 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, teachers side of the joint consultative committee, 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. (A copy of the Appendices is attached). Of the 55 responses, Appendix II attracted a majority of favourable responses (24), 18 were in favour of Appendix I while 13 were in favour of Appendix III.
- 3.2** Adoption of Appendix II would mean that the Christmas holidays would be out of line with those for North Ayrshire and Glasgow City Council. South Ayrshire, as yet, have not agreed their holidays for 2003/2004. This would cause inconvenience in some families. It is therefore proposed that Appendix I be adopted as the school holidays for session 2003/2004. An indication of how the school holiday proposals for 2003/2004 align with North Ayrshire and Glasgow City Council is given in Appendix IV.
- 3.3** Both North Ayrshire and South Ayrshire are proposing to change their teachers' return date from 13 August 2004 to Monday 16 August 2004. In light of these developments, it is proposed that East Ayrshire change their teachers return date in line with North and South Ayrshire, i.e. 16 August 2004 (an in-service day). This would mean that pupils would return to school on 17 August 2004.

**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 2003/2004; and
- (ii) agree that the return date for teachers for session 2003/2004 be 16 August 2004 and 17 August 2004 for pupils
- (iii) otherwise note the contents of the report

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Director of Educational and Social Services

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13 March 2002

**LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

**Nil**

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

**Implementation Officer - Graham Short**

## APPENDIX I

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

## SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS : 2003/2004

TERM	BREAK	DATES	HOLIDAY TOTAL	LOCAL HOLIDAY	WORKING DAYS (TEACHER)	IN SERVICE DAYS
		In-Service Day/ Teachers return Pupils return				1
		Fri 15 Aug 2003 Mon 18 Aug 2003				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b> Thur 18 Sept 2003 Fri 19 Sept 2003** Mon 22 Sept 2003		2		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 23 Sept 2003				
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b> Fri 10 Oct 2003				
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Mon 20 Oct 2003	5			
		<b>Close</b> Fri 19 Dec 2003			84	
		Re-open				
		Mon 5 Jan 2004	15			
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b> Fri 13 Feb 2004	15			
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	Mon 16 Feb 2004		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 17 Feb 2004				
		In-Service Day				1
		Wed 18 Feb 2004				
		<b>Close</b> Fri 2 April 2004			148	
		Re-open				
		Mon 19 April 2004	25			
<b>Third</b>	May Day	Mon 3 May 2004	26			
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b> Thur 27 May 2004 Fri 28 May 2004 Mon 31 May 2004		2		
		Re-open Tues 1 June 2004				
		<b>Close</b> Fri 25 June 2004			195	
		Teachers return Mon 16 Aug 2004				
			61	5	195*	5

**NB:** Good Friday : 9 April 2004

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

\*\*Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)

## APPENDIX II

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

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	<b>Local Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b> Thur 18 Sept 2003 Fri 19 Sept 2003** Mon 22 Sept 2003		2		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 23 Sept 2003			1
<b>First</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b> Re-open/ In-Service Day	Fri 10 Oct 2003 Mon 20 Oct 2003		5	1
		<b>Close</b>	Tues 23 Dec 2003			86
		Re-open	Tues 6 Jan 2004		14	
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b> <b>Local Holiday</b> Re-open/ In-Service Day In-Service Day <b>Close</b>	Thur 12 Feb 2004 Mon 16 Feb 2004 Tues 17 Feb 2004 Wed 18 Feb 2004 Fri 2 April 2004	1		1 1 148
		Re-open	Mon 19 April 2004		25	
<b>Third</b>	May Day		Mon 3 May 2004		26	
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b> Thur 27 May 2004 Fri 28 May 2004 Mon 31 May 2004 Re-open Tues 1 June 2004		2		
		<b>Close</b>	Fri 25 June 2004			195
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		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Tues 23 Sept 2003				
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		Mon 20 Oct 2003	5			1
		<b>Close</b> Tues 23 Dec 2003			86	
		Re-open	15			
		Wed 7 Jan 2004				
<b>Second</b>	Mid-Term	<b>Close</b> Fri 13 Feb 2004				
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	Mon 16 Feb 2004		1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day				1
		Thurs 19 Feb 2004	17			
		In-Service Day Fri 20 Feb 2004				1
		<b>Close</b> Fri 2 April 2004			146	
		Re-open	27			
		Mon 19 April 2004				
<b>Third</b>	May Day	Mon 3 May 2004	28			
	<b>Local Holiday</b>	<b>Close</b> Thur 27 May 2004 Fri 28 May 2004 Mon 31 May 2004		2		
		Re-open Tues 1 June 2004				
		<b>Close</b> Tues 29 June 2004			195	
		Teachers return Mon 16 Aug 2004				
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## APPENDIX IV

**MAIN SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2003/2004**

	Schools Open August 2003	October Week 2003	Christmas Holidays 2003	Easter Holidays 2004	Schools Close June 2004
<b>East Ayrshire Council</b>	Friday 15 August (Teachers return) Monday 18 August (Pupils return)	13 – 17 October	Mon 22 December - Fri 2 January	Mon 5 – Fri 16 April	Friday 25 June 2004
<b>North Ayrshire Council</b>	Friday 15 August (Teachers return) Monday 18 August (Pupils return)	13 – 17 October	Mon 22 December – Fri 2 January	Mon 5 – Fri 16 April	Friday 25 June 2004
<b>Glasgow City Council</b>	Thurs 14 August (Teachers return) Monday 18 August (Pupils return)	13 – 17 October	Mon 22 December – Fri 2 January	Mon 5 – Fri 16 April	Friday 25 June 2004

**NOTES:**

1. Teachers return one day early in Glasgow City than East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire
2. Pupils return on Monday 18 August 2003 in all Council areas
3. October week, Christmas and Easter holidays all the same in the three Council areas
4. In the three Council areas, schools close Friday 25 June 2004.
5. Teachers return on Monday 16 August 2004 in East Ayrshire and North Ayrshire. Teachers return Thursday 19 August 2004 in Glasgow City Council.

\*All dates inclusive

**AGENDA**