

## EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

### EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 4 FEBRUARY 2004

#### PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2005/2006

##### 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 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.
- 2.2 The five in-service training days have also been included. It is proposed to continue with two of these days in February.
- 2.3 The five local holidays have also 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 23 December 2005 and re-open on Monday 9 January 2006. Appendix II proposes that schools close on Wednesday 21 December 2005 and re-open on Thursday 5 January 2006. Appendix III proposes that schools close on Friday 23 December 2005 and re-open on Thursday 5 January 2006.
  - February Mid Term: Appendices I and II propose that schools close on Thursday 9 February 2006 and re-open on Tuesday 14 February 2006. Appendix III proposes schools close on Friday 10 February 2006 and re-open on Thursday 16 February 2006. 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: All three Appendices propose that schools close on Friday 31 March 2006 and re-open on Tuesday 18 April 2006.
- Final day of term: All three Appendices propose that schools close on Thursday 29 June 2006.
- Start of new session: All three Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Tuesday 15 August 2006.

**2.6** The main school holiday dates in Appendix I coincide with the main school holiday dates proposed but not yet agreed by North Ayrshire Council, South Ayrshire Council and Glasgow City Council

**2.7** It is proposed also to consult on a proposal adopted by Glasgow City Council, Argyll and Bute Council and Stirling Council and being considered by other ex Strathclyde authorities. The proposal is that the Spring holiday would be fixed as the first two weeks in April commencing on the first Monday; if Good Friday and Easter Monday fall outwith this period then these would be designated as holidays from within the total entitlement. This suggestion will require full consultation with the Churches.

### **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 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

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Director of Educational and Social Services

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13 January 2004

### **LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS**

Nil

Members wishing further information should contact John McCarney, Head of Service: Schools Support Telephone (01563) 555642 or Janice Shaw, Personnel Manager (Schools), Telephone (01563) 576045.  
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**APPENDIX I**

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

**NB:** Good Friday 14 April 2006

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

\*\*Ayr Gold Cup Weekend (provisional)



### APPENDIX III

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

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<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	Thur 05 Jan 2006		13	
<b>Second</b>	Mid- Term	<b>Close</b>	Frid 10 Feb 2006			
	<b>Local</b>	<b>Holiday</b>	Mon 13 Feb 2006 Tues 14 Feb 2006 Wed 15 Feb 2006 Thur 16 Feb 2006 Frid 17 Feb 2006 Frid 31 Mar 2006	1	16	1 1
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