

EAST AYRSHIRE COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE – 13 NOVEMBER 2001

PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY ARRANGEMENTS 2003/2004

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 parties.
- 2.2** In session 2002/2003 for the first time there will be 2 in-service training days in February. This development will be continued in session 2003/2004 and will be monitored for effectiveness for teachers and pupils to ascertain whether this practice should continue in future years.
- 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 authorities which made up the former Strathclyde Regional Council.
- 2.5** The dates proposed in each appendix vary as follows:

- Christmas: Appendix I proposes that schools close on Friday 19 December 2003 and re-open on Monday 5 January 2004. Appendix II proposes that schools close on Tuesday 23 December 2003 and re-open on Tuesday 6 January 2004. Appendix III proposes that schools close on Tuesday 23 December 2003 and re-open on Wednesday 7 January 2004.
- February Mid Term: Appendix I proposes that schools close on Friday 13 February 2004 and re-open on Tuesday 17 February 2004. Appendix II proposes schools close on Thursday 12 February 2004 and re-open on Tuesday 17 February 2004. Appendix III proposes that schools close on Friday 13 February 2004 and re-open on Thursday 19 February 2004. If this option is

the preferred option, pupils will have a weeks holiday, i.e. 3 days holiday and 2 days for teachers in-service training.

- Easter: All three Appendices propose that schools close on Friday 2 April 2004 for 2 weeks, i.e. re-opening on Monday 19 April 2004.
- Final day of term: Appendices I and II propose schools close on Friday 25 June 2004. Appendix III proposes that schools close on Tuesday 29 June 2004.
- Start of new session: All three Appendices propose teachers return to duty on Friday 13 August 2004 (in-service day).

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. Glasgow City Council and South Ayrshire Council have not yet formulated their school holiday proposals.

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 to 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

GS/JS/JH
25 October 2001

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.

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DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATIONAL & SOCIAL SERVICES

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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			
		Close	Thur 18 Sept 2003			
			Fri 19 Sept 2003**			
			Mon 22 Sept 2003	2		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tue 23 Sept 2003			1
First	Mid-Term	Close	Fri 10 Oct 2003			
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 20 Oct 2003		5	1
		Close	Fri 19 Dec 2003		84	
		Re-open	Mon 5 Jan 2004		15	
Second	Mid-Term	Close	Fri 13 Feb 2004		15	
			Mon 16 Feb 2004	1		
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 17 Feb 2004			1
		In-Service Day	Wed 18 Feb 2004			1
		Close	Fri 2 April 2004		148	
		Re-open	Mon 19 April 2004		25	
Third	May Day		Mon 3 May 2004		26	
		Close	Thur 20 May 2004			
			Fri 21 May 2004			
			Mon 24 May 2004	2		
		Re-open	Tue 25 May 2004			
		Close	Fri 25 June 2004		195	
		Teachers return	Fri 13 Aug 2004			
				60	5	195*
						5

NB: Good Friday : 9 April 2004

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First	Mid- Term	Close	Fri 10 Oct 2003			
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Mon 20 Oct 2003	5		1
		Close	Tues 23 Dec 2003		86	
		Re-open	Tues 6 Jan 2004	14		
Second	Mid- Term	Close	Thur 12 Feb 2004	15		
		Local Holiday	Mon 16 Feb 2004		1	
		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Tues 17 Feb 2004			1
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		Re-open/ In-Service Day	Thurs 19 Feb 2004	17		1
		In-Service Day	Fri 20 Feb 2004			1
		Close	Fri 2 April 2004		146	
		Re-open	Mon 19 April 2004	27		
Third	May Day		Mon 3 May 2004	28		
	Local Holiday	Close	Thur 20 May 2004 Fri 21 May 2004 Mon 24 May 2004	2		
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AGENDA
