

ANGUS COUNCIL

CHILDREN AND LEARNING COMMITTEE – 10 NOVEMBER 2015

CONSULTATION ON AMENDMENTS TO OCTOBER HOLIDAY PERIOD 2017/18

REPORT BY THE STRATEGIC DIRECTOR – PEOPLE

ABSTRACT

This report gives an overview of the outcomes of a consultation exercise with parents and carers on proposed changes to the October school holiday period in session 2017/18 and seeks full approval for school holiday dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19

1. RECOMMENDATION(S)

It is recommended that the Children and Learning Committee:

- (i) approve the continuing adoption of the first two weeks in October as the Angus school holiday period
- (ii) approve in full the school holiday dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19.

2. ALIGNMENT TO THE ANGUS COMMUNITY PLAN/SINGLE OUTCOME AGREEMENT/COPORATE PLAN

This report contributes to the following local outcome contained within the Angus Community Plan and Single Outcome Agreement 2013-2016:

- Our children and young people are confident individuals, effective contributors, successful learners and responsible citizens.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 Reference is made to Report 202/15

(http://www.angus.gov.uk/meetings/meeting/104/children_and_learning) and the minute of the Children and Learning Committee on 19 May 2015 paragraph 6 which notes that the Committee agreed to defer consideration of school holidays and term times session 2017/18 and 2018/19 to allow for more extensive consultation to take place with parents.

3.3 Report 202/15 sought approval to change the timings of the school October holiday period from the first two weeks in October to the second and third weeks of October. This would have aligned the October holiday period with our neighbouring local authorities Dundee City and Perth and Kinross Councils. Committee requested wider consultation with parents in relation to this proposed change.

3.4 This further consultation exercise was undertaken in August/September 2015. Parents and carers were asked if they agreed with changing the school holiday period in October from the first two weeks in October to the second and third weeks with effect from session 2017/18.

3.5 The consultation closed on 4 September 2015 and parents and carers had the option of responding electronically or by paper copy.

4. CURRENT POSITION

4.1 4398 responses were received in total. These included 2423 electronic responses and 1975 paper responses.

- 4.2 36.3% of respondents agreed with the change of holiday period from the first two weeks in October to the second and third weeks in October.
- 4.3 63.7% of respondents disagreed with the proposed change and wished the present arrangements of the first two weeks in October to continue to be the Angus designated school holiday period.

5. PROPOSALS

- 5.1 The policy of adopting the first two weeks in October as the school holiday period in Angus should be maintained.
- 5.2 Full approval should now be given to the school holiday dates for 2017/18 and 2018/19 as outlined in Appendices 1 and 2.

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from the terms of this report.

7 EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 7.1 The issues contained in this report fall within an approved category that has been confirmed as exempt from an equalities perspective.

NOTE: No background papers, as detailed by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to a material extent in preparing the above report.

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School Terms and Holidays 2017/2018

Autumn Term

Tuesday 15 August 2017 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1 – all schools)

Wednesday 16 August 2017 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 pupils 28 August 2017

Friday 28 September 2017 – Term ends

33 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 30 September 2017 to Sunday 15 October 2017

Winter Term

Monday 16 October 2017 – Term starts

Wednesday 29 November 2017 – In-Service Closure Day 2 – all schools

Thursday 30 November 2017 – St Andrew's Day Holiday

Friday 1 December 2017 – In Service Closure Day 3 – all schools

Friday 22 December 2017 – Term ends

47 Pupil Schools Days

Christmas Holiday: Saturday 23 December 2017 to Sunday 7 January 2018

Spring Term

Monday 8 January 2018 – Term starts

Thursday 15 February 2018 – In-Service Closure Day 4 – all schools

Friday 16 February 2018 to Monday 19 February 2018 – All Schools Mid-Term Holidays

Friday 30 March 2018 – Term ends

57 Pupil School Days

Spring Holiday: Saturday 31 March 2018 to Sunday 15 April 2018
(includes Easter Monday – 2 April 2018)

Summer Term

Monday 16 April 2018 – Term starts

Monday 7 May 2018 – May Holiday – all schools

Monday 28 May 2018 – In- Service Closure Day 5 – all schools

Friday 29 June 2018 – Term ends

53 Pupil School Days

Total: 190 Pupil School Days

2018/2019

Autumn Term

Monday 13 August 2018 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1 – all schools)

Tuesday 14 August 2018 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 Pupils 27 August 2018

Friday 28 September 2018 – Term ends

34 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 29 September 2018 to Sunday 14 October 2018

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Autumn Term

Monday 13 August 2018 – Staff Only (In-Service Closure Day 1 – all schools)

Tuesday 14 August 2018 – Term starts

Full time commencement of P1 pupils 27 August 2018

Friday 28 September 2018 – Term ends

34 Pupil School Days

Autumn Holiday: Saturday 29 September 2018 to Sunday 14 October 2018

Winter Term

Monday 15 October 2018 – Term starts

Wednesday 28 November 2018 – In-Service Closure Day 2 – all schools

Thursday 29 November 2018 – In-Service Closure Day 3 – all schools

Friday 30 November 2018 – St Andrew's Day Holiday

Friday 21 December 2018 – Term ends

47 Pupil Schools Days

Christmas Holiday: Saturday 22 December 2018 to Sunday 6 January 2019

Spring Term

Monday 7 January 2019 – Term starts

Thursday 21 February 2019 – In-Service Closure Day 4 – all schools

Friday 22 February 2019 to Monday 25 February 2019 – All Schools Mid-Term Holidays

Friday 5 April 2019 – Term ends

62 Pupil School Days

Spring Holiday: Saturday 6 April 2019 to Monday 22 April 2019

(includes Easter Monday – 22 April 2019)

Summer Term

Tuesday 23 April 2019 – Term starts

Monday 6 May 2019 – May Holiday – all schools

Monday 27 May 2019 – In- Service Closure Day 5 – all schools

Friday 28 June 2019 – Term ends

47 Pupil School Days

Total: 190 Pupil School Days

Summer Holiday: Saturday 29 June 2019 to Sunday 11 August 2019