

CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS 2013/14

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask the cabinet member to agree the school term and holiday dates for 2013/14 for Wiltshire's Community, Voluntary Controlled and Community Special Schools.

Consultation

A protocol for the setting of school term & holiday dates has been endorsed by the Teachers Joint Consultative Committee and County Secretaries (see Appendix A). In line with the recommendations set out in this protocol, two 195 term day calendars were proposed for consultation based on the Local Government Association's Standard School Year.

Consultations with schools, neighbouring authorities, members, public and other interested parties have been completed (see Appendix B).

The Joint Consultative Committee considered and noted the consultation responses at its meeting on 15th March (see Appendix C) and is recommending the consultation dates proposed in Option 1 of Appendix C.

Options Considered

It was decided to consult on a 195 term day calendar for 2013/14 based on the results of previous years' consultation. This had revealed that the majority of schools were not in favour of options showing less than 195 days due to the lack of flexibility offered for the setting of teacher development days and therefore the difficulties in securing quality trainers.

Reason for Decision

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision set out in the attached report. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 14 May 2012

The following supporting documents are attached:

- CS-002-12 - Appendix A1 - LGA recommended calendar 13-14
- CS-002-12 - Appendix A2 - ATL protocol
- CS-002-12 - Appendix A3 - Wiltshire Calendar ATL Protocol
- CS-002-12 - Appendix A4 - Wiltshire Calendar neighbouring authorities
- CS-002-12 - Appendix B1 - Consultation letter Term Dates 2013-14
- CS-002-12 - Appendix A - JCC consultation paper 24.11.11
- CS-002-12 - Appendix C1 - JCC Paper 15.03.12
- CS-002-12 - Appendix C2 - Consultation Response Summary

Date:

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