

## **CABINET MEMBER FOR CHILDREN'S SERVICES - CLLR LIONEL GRUNDY OBE**

### **CHILDRENS SERVICES**

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## **SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS 2014-15**

### **Purpose of Report**

The purpose of this report is to ask the cabinet member to agree the school term and holiday dates for 2014/15 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, three 195 term day calendars were proposed for consultation.

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

The County Secretaries considered and noted the consultation responses at its meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> February (see Appendix C) and is recommending the consultation dates proposed in Option 3 of Appendix C.

### **Options Considered**

It was decided to consult on a 195 term day calendar for 2014/15 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.

**DECISION MADE**

**I have taken into account the views of those responding to the consultation, the opinions of the Joint Consultative Committee and the views of members. I approve the 195 day calendar for School Term and Holiday Dates for 2013-14 as shown in Option 3 of Appendix C.**

**This decision was published on the 15<sup>th</sup> March and will take effect from 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.**

**The following supporting documents are attached:**

CS-003-13 - Appendix A Report to the Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on the 10 December 2012

CS-003-13 - Appendix B Consultation letter including proposed term dates calendar for 2014-15

CS-003-13 - Appendix C - Report to the County Secretaries meeting held on 7 February 2013.

Date: ...14<sup>th</sup> March, 2013.....

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