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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS 2015/2016

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask the cabinet member to agree the school term and holiday dates for 2015/2016 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, four 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 Teachers Joint Consultative Committee and County Secretaries considered and noted the consultation responses at its meeting on 28th March (see Appendix C) and is recommending the consultation dates proposed in Option 4 of Appendix C.

Options Considered

It was decided to consult on a 195 term day calendar for 2015/2016 based on the results of previous years' consultations. 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 & Holiday Dates for 2015/2016 as shown in Option 4 of appendix C.

This decision was published on the 30 April 2014 and will come into force on the 9 May 2014.

The following supporting documents are attached:

Report

Appendix A- Report to the Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 21 November 2013

Appendix B – Consultation letter including proposed term dates calendar for 2015/16

Appendix C – Report to the Joint Consultative Committee meeting held on 28 March 2014

Date: 28 April 2014

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Cllr Laura Mayes
Cabinet Member for Children's Services