

Individual Cabinet member Delegated Decision

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SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAYS 2015/16

Purpose of Report

The purpose of this report is to ask the cabinet member to agree the school term and holiday dates for 2015/16 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 2015/16 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.

INTENTION TO MAKE DECISION

Following consultation with officers I give notice that I intend to make the decision to approve the 195 day calendar for School Term & Holiday Dates for 2015/16 as shown in Option 4 of Appendix C. If you would like to make any representations to me on this issue please do so by 23 April 2014.

The following supporting documents are attached:

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