

**REPORT TO:** Education Committee

**MEETING DATE:** 21 November 2017

**BY:** Depute Chief Executive (Resources and People Services)

**SUBJECT:** School Session Dates 2018/2019

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## **1 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to obtain the Committee's approval for School Session dates for 2018/2019.

## **2 RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 The Committee is asked to:
- (i) Approve the school session dates for 2018/2019 as outlined in Appendix 1.
  - (ii) Authorise the Head of Education to notify Head Teachers, Teachers' Associations, Heads of Establishments and Parent Councils.
  - (iii) Authorise the Head of Education to notify the Scottish Government Education Department.

## **3 BACKGROUND**

- 3.2 This year, following discussion with neighbouring Authorities, East Lothian has prepared school session dates for only one academic year instead of two. This is primarily due to City of Edinburgh Council considering undertaking a consultation on the configuration of the academic session 2019/2020 onwards therefore the Education Service has only set the session dates for 2018/2019.
- 3.3 In preparing the draft school session dates for 2018/2019 the following points were taken into consideration:-
- 190 pupil and 195 staff days which is in accordance with the Schools General (Scotland) Regulations 1975 (as amended);
  - A fixed one week break in the third week of October;

- The school session ending before the first full week of July
  - 5 fixed in-service days; and
  - Flexibility with the Easter break to allow for a natural end to Term 2.
- 3.4 In preparing the draft school session dates for 2018/2019 the five points in 3.3 were taken into account as outlined in the attached draft proposed dates (Appendix 1). In consultation with our neighbouring Authorities, cognisance of the City of Edinburgh Council's and Midlothian Council's session dates were taken into account when preparing the draft East Lothian session dates for 2018/2019 in an attempt to align the dates as far as possible across the three Local Authority areas.
- 3.5 The Education Service consultation on the proposed East Lothian session dates for 2018/2019 took place with Head Teachers, Teachers' Professional Associations, UNISON, Educational Establishments, Parent Councils and the wider community through the Council's Consultation Hub. The period of the consultation ran from 22 May 2017 until 30 June 2017.
- 3.5 The Education Service consultation asked for comments only in relation to the proposed East Lothian dates. A total of 14 responses to the consultation were received. All 14 responses were from individuals. Of the 14 responses received 2 commented they were supportive of the proposed dates; 2 commented only on the design and layout of the document (Appendix 1); 4 related to requesting that the dates be aligned to neighbouring Authorities; 3 related to the timing and duration of the February break; 2 related to the timing and duration of the Easter break and 1 related to In-Service days and Public Holidays. Overall from the responses received there was no clear statement or view in relation to the proposed dates.
- 3.6 The City of Edinburgh Council and Midlothian Council have decided to set their school session dates for only 2018/2019 at this present time and discussions will take place with neighbouring Education authorities when the Education Service looks at the session dates for 2019/2020 and beyond.

## **4 POLICY IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 None.

## **5 INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT**

- 5.1 The subject of this report does not affect the wellbeing of the community or have a significant impact on equality, the environment or economy.

## **6 RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS**

6.1 Financial - None

6.2 Personnel - None

6.3 Other - None

## **7 BACKGROUND PAPERS**

7.1 Appendix 1 - draft school session dates 2018/2019.

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**EAST LoTHIAN COUNCIL  
RESOURCES AND PEOPLE SERVICES  
SCHOOL SESSION DATES 2018/19- DRAFT**

<b>TERM 1</b>	Staff In-service Day 1	Monday	13	August	2018
	Staff In-service Day 2	Tuesday	14	August	2018
	Pupils Resume	Wednesday	15	August	2018
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Friday	14	September	2018
	Autumn Holiday (schools closed)	Monday	17	September	2018
	All Return	Tuesday	18	September	2018
	All Break	Friday	12	October	2018
	Staff In-service Day 3	Monday	22	October	2018
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	23	October	2018
	Term Ends	Thursday	20	December	2018
	<i>Term 1 = 84 pupil days Term 1 = 87 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 2</b>	All Resume	Monday	7	January	2019
	All Break	Friday	8	February	2019
	Staff In-service Day 4	Monday	18	February	2019
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	19	February	2019
	All Break	Friday	5	April	2019
	Good Friday – 19 April 2019 Easter Monday – 22 April 2019  <i>Term 2 = 59 pupil days Term s 2 = 60 staff days</i>				
<b>TERM 3</b>	All Resume (Staff and Pupils)	Tuesday	23	April	2019
	May Day (Schools closed)	Monday	6	May	2019
	All Resume	Tuesday	7	May	2019
	Staff In-service Day 5 (pupils off)	Monday	20	May	2019
	Pupils Resume	Tuesday	21	May	2019
	Term Ends  <i>Terms 3 = 47 pupil days Terms 3 = 48 staff days</i>	Friday	28	June	2019

**Draft School Session Dates 2018/2019**

Teaching Day	
In Service Day	
School Holiday	

August 2018						
Su	M	T	W	T	F	Sa
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September 2018						
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October 2018						
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\*holiday for pupils

November 2018						
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February 2019						
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April 2019						
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May 2019						
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\*holiday for pupils

June 2019						
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July/August 2019						
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