

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting15th June 2006

1. Title of Item/Report

School Term and Holiday Dates 2007/2008

2. Record of the Decision

Consideration was given to a proposed calendar of school term and holiday dates for the 2007/2008 academic year.

The Local Government Association had encouraged local authorities to consider moving towards a six-term year or at least reach agreement on the principle of a “fixed Easter”. The position locally had been that our neighbours in Hartlepool had attempted to co-ordinate a move regionally to a six-term year, however, this had been unsuccessful, primarily because schools in the area would only support such a move if it were part of a national move.

For 2007/2008 Hartlepool had again taken the lead and asked all Authorities in the region to consider a matrix of dates which introduced the concept of a “fixed Easter”.

All schools in the Borough and all other relevant parties, including Trade Unions and Associations, had been consulted and consideration was given to the responses received. All were supportive of the proposal, however the Associations and Unions had expressed concerns with both models in that by fixing the Easter Holiday away from the religious festival weekend, their already agreed annual conferences would fall in term time. However, an agreement was in place which allowed members time off with pay to attend such matters.

RESOLVED that the school term and holiday dates for the 2007/2008 academic year, detailed in Appendix 1 to the report, be approved.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform all schools and interested parties of the 2007/2008 school term and holiday dates, which, with the exception of North Yorkshire, correspond with other adjacent Local Authorities.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

Councillor Cook declared a personal, non-prejudicial interest in respect of this item due to a family member being affected by the proposals.

Councillor Coleman declared a personal, non prejudicial interest in respect of this item.

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

7. Date and Time by which Call In must be executed

By no later than midnight on Friday 23rd June 2006

Proper Officer
06 July 2006