

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting7th June 2007

1. Title of Item/Report

School Terms 07/08

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report that presented a proposed calendar of school holiday dates for the 2008/2009 academic year.

In line with statutory requirements, consideration had been given to compile a set of term and holiday dates for schools in the Borough.

It was explained that in recent years the Local Government Association (LGA) had encouraged local authorities to consider moving towards a six-term year.

The position locally had been that Hartlepool Borough Council had attempted to co-ordinate a move regionally to a six-term year. 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 2008/2009 Hartlepool had again taken the lead and asked all Authorities in the North East region to consider a matrix of dates which would provide uniformity across the region.

A further proposal was received from the LGA for National consideration.

Members were provided with both proposals which had previously been circulated to schools in the Borough and all other relevant parties, including unions and associations.

During consultation no comments had been received from the associations or unions but did receive comments from a number of schools. These responses were provided to Members.

Members noted that all except one were supportive of the Hartlepool regional proposal as this model allowed schools the flexibility to decide when they would take their 5 Professional Development Days for staff, which the LGA model did not.

RESOLVED that the school term and holiday dates for the 2008/2009 academic year be agreed as shown in Appendix 1.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform all schools and interested parties of the school term and holiday dates for 2008/2009 which fall in line with other Local Authorities in the area.

4. Alternative Options Considered and Rejected

None

5. Declared (Cabinet Member) Conflicts of Interest

None

6. Details of any Dispensations

Not Applicable

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

Not later than Midnight on Friday 15th June 2007

Proper Officer
29 June 2007