

STOCKTON-ON-TEES BOROUGH COUNCIL

CABINET RECOMMENDATIONS

PROFORMA

Cabinet Meeting30th September 2010

1. Title of Item/Report

School term holiday dates 2011/2012

2. Record of the Decision

Cabinet considered a report seeking approval to amend the previously agreed school term and holiday dates for 2011/12 academic year.

Members noted that the Government had announced that changes would be made to Bank Holidays in 2012 to mark the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. This involved moving the late May Bank Holiday to Monday 4 June 2012, and adding an extra Bank Holiday on Tuesday 5 June 2012.

In light of the extra public holiday in 2012, the length of the school year in 2011/12 had been reduced from the normal minimum of 190 days, to 189 days to ensure that school staff were treated the same as other workers, who would benefit from an extra public holiday.

The 2012 exams would be timetabled on the assumption that half term would be in the week commencing 4 June 2012.

As the 2011/12 school holiday dates had already been consulted upon and approved by Cabinet at its meeting on 11 June 2010 it had been necessary to undertake further consultation on the proposed amendment to move the half term holiday from week beginning 28 May to week beginning 4 June.

As part of the consultation process these amended school term and holiday dates had been duly circulated to schools and all other relevant parties, including unions and associations. Few comments had been received but details were provided to members.

Cabinet noted that many Local Authorities had already endorsed the proposed holiday dates for 2011/12, and this would relieve many of the cross boundary issues that many families had suffered in the past.

RESOLVED that the amended school term and holiday dates for 2011/12, as attached to the report, be agreed.

3. Reasons for the Decision

To inform all schools and interested parties of the amended school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2011/12, which fall in line with a majority of other Local Authorities throughout the North of England (from Doncaster to Northumberland and Kirkless to Cumbria).

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

By no later than midnight on Friday 8 October 2010.

Proper Officer
04 May 2010