

## **BARNSELEY METROPOLITAN BOROUGH COUNCIL**

**This matter is not a key decision within the Council's definition and has not been included in the relevant Forward Plan.**

### **Report of the Executive Director (People) to Cabinet**

(7<sup>th</sup> February 2018)

## **SCHOOL TERM TIMES AND HOLIDAY DATES FOR COMMUNITY AND VOLUNTARY CONTROLLED SCHOOLS 2019-2020**

### **1 Purpose of Report**

- 1.1 To seek approval for the term times and holiday dates pattern for the 2019-2020 school year, to maintain the three year rolling programme of dates (see Appendix 1).

### **2 Recommendations**

**It is recommended that:**

- 2.1 the proposed term times and holiday dates for 2019-2020 be approved.**

### **3 Introduction**

- 3.1 The setting of the three year rolling programme of term times was introduced to enable schools to plan strategically over a longer period.
- 3.2 It was agreed that in each successive year the pattern will be extended by a further year to maintain the rolling three year programme
- 3.3 Term dates are determined by a set of agreed principles adopted by 26 Local Authorities in the North East of England (see Appendix 2 and 3).
- 3.4 For 2018-19, consideration was given to a proposed change from the traditional model and Barnsley Council undertook an extensive consultation with a wider group of stakeholders than was required statutorily.
- 3.5 Following analysis of the responses, Cabinet determined that the 'traditional' pattern of a long summer break would remain and that full consultation would not be required for the following year (2019-2020) to acknowledge that the overall response to the consultation was to remain with the traditional pattern (See Appendix 1).

### **4 Proposals and Justification**

- 4.1 It is proposed that the continuation of the current 'traditional' pattern of school term and holiday dates of a long summer be adopted for the academic year 2019-2020 (see Appendix 1) in line with the agreed principles adopted by Local Authorities in the North East of England (see Appendix 2 and 3).

## **5 Consultation**

- 5.1 Discussions have taken place between the four South Yorkshire Local Authorities, as they do on an annual basis, in order to co-ordinate holiday dates as far as possible.
- 5.2 The relevant Trade Unions have been consulted and responses have been received from NUT, NAHT and NASUWT, all of whom have no concerns with the proposal.

## **6 Risk Management**

- 6.1 The statutory duty for determining term times and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools remains that of the Local Authority although a wide ranging consultation was undertaken to set the pattern for 2018/19.
- 6.2 There can be minor variances at voluntary aided schools and academies since it is the responsibility of their respective governing bodies to determine their individual dates.

## **8 Financial and Employee Implications**

- 8.1 There are no implications arising from this report.

## **9 List of Appendices**

Appendix 1 Draft Calendar  
Appendix 2 Guiding Principles Summary  
Appendix 3 Guiding Principles Compliance Grid

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