

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL**Decision Report**

Decision Maker:	Executive Member for Education
Date:	22 January 2014
Title:	School term and holiday dates for 2015/2016
Reference:	5389
Report From:	Director of Children's Services

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1. Executive Summary

1.1. The purpose of this paper is to inform the Executive Member for Education on the need to decide the pattern of school term and holiday dates for school year 2015/16 and to note the outcomes of the consultation process that has been followed.

2. Contextual information

2.1. It is the responsibility of a local authority to schedule a school year which provides the statutory 190 pupil days and 195 teacher days in voluntary controlled and community schools. The structure for delivering this entitlement has been the subject of national and local debate in recent years.

2.2. The Local Government Association (LGA) National Standing Committee on the School Year has, in the past, been active in seeking to establish a National School Year.

2.3. Hampshire teachers' professional associations, represented by the Conditions of Service Working Party (CoSWoP), have worked closely with officers of the local authority over several years in order to secure an agreed approach to setting dates for the county's schools.

2.4. Establishing more balanced term lengths with regular breaks supports an aim of the corporate strategy, to maximising wellbeing, by helping schools and families to plan learning more effectively. Another aim, Hampshire, safer and more secure for all, is supported by achieving agreement on dates across the county, so that schools and their communities can work effectively together in school and out of school hours.

2.5. Children benefit from good attendance in school; in particular it supports educational achievement and lays the foundation for a positive contribution to society and economic well-being. Properly structured periods of learning and

rest help children to remain healthy, enjoy their school time and achieve more. The publication of dates well in advance enables families to plan holidays and arrange childcare so that school attendance need not be compromised.

- 2.6. The Government has proposed in Schedule 14 of its Draft Deregulation Bill that schools shall set their own school year. There is no date for this to be enacted.

3. Outline of Proposal

- 3.1. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates that are supported by CoSWoP and are set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for the school year 2015/2016.

4. Current Position

- 4.1. For the school year 2015/16 the LGA shared a proposed pattern of dates that was noted by Hampshire County Council (HCC) and representatives from CoSWoP as providing a good basis for the pattern of school term and holiday dates. It included all the features that are an aim of the consultation in Hampshire.
- 4.2. The proposed pattern of holiday and term dates is shown in Appendix 1.
- 4.3. The pattern in Appendix 1 was recommended to schools and they were invited to comment using a Schools Communication dated 23 September 2013, comments being required by 15 November 2013. In total, 2 responses were received.
- 4.4. One response suggested moving the Autumn term start date forward by one day, break up earlier for the Easter break and the summer term extend by two days. This was considered but because the Spring term is already very short the proposed pattern is preferred. The other response was supportive. These responses are shown in Appendix 2.
- 4.5. Key features of the proposed pattern are;
- Half term lengths that are consistent with the usual school year pattern taking account of Christmas, Easter and summer GCSE and A Level examinations timetable.
 - A four day first week of the Autumn Term and a three day final week in the summer term. Where part weeks are necessary it is preferred that they have at least three days.
 - HCC's preferred two week, three weekend Christmas holiday pattern.

5. Recommendation(s)

- 5.1. It is recommended that the Executive Member for Education approves the school term and holiday dates that are supported by representative members of Hampshire County Council's (HCC) Conditions of Service Working Party

(CoSWoP) and are set out in Appendix 1 of the report, for the school year 2015/16.

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SEPTEMBER 2015					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1*	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

OCTOBER 2015					
M		5	12	19	26
T		6	13	20	27
W		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
F	2	9	16	23#	30
S	3	10	17	24	31
S	4	11	18	25	

NOVEMBER 2015					
M	2*	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	
W	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29

DECEMBER 2015					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
F	4	11	18#	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

JANUARY 2016					
M		4*	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

FEBRUARY 2016					
M	1	8	15	22*	29
T	2	9	16	23	
W	3	10	17	24	
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12#	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

MARCH 2016					
M		7	14	21	28
T	1	8	15	22	29
W	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24#	31
F	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	

APRIL 2016					
M		4	11*	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	

MAY 2016					
M	2	9	16	23	30
T	3	10	17	24	31
W	4	11	18	25	
T	5	12	19	26	
F	6	13	20	27#	
S	7	14	21	28	
S	1	8	15	22	29



JUNE 2016					
M		6*	13	20	27
T		7	14	21	28
W	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
F	3	10	17	24	
S	4	11	18	25	
S	5	12	19	26	

JULY 2016					
M		4	11	18	25
T		5	12	19	26
W		6	13	20#	27
T		7	14	21	28
F	1	8	15	22	29
S	2	9	16	23	30
S	3	10	17	24	31

AUGUST 2016					
M	1	8	15	22	29
T	2	9	16	23	30
W	3	10	17	24	31
T	4	11	18	25	
F	5	12	19	26	
S	6	13	20	27	
S	7	14	21	28	

Bank and Public Holidays 2015/2016

Christmas Day	25 December 2015	Easter Monday	28 March 2016
Boxing Day	26 December 2015	May Day Holiday	2 May 2016
New Year's Day	1 January 2016	Spring Bank Holiday	30 May 2016
Good Friday	25 March 2016	Summer Bank Holiday	29 August 2016

* First day after break  School Holidays  Bank Holidays and National Holidays

Last day before break

Autumn Term 2015 starts on Monday 1 September 2015 and ends on Friday 18 December 2015
(Half term from Monday 26 October to Friday 30 October 2015)

Spring Term 2016 starts on Monday 4 January 2016 and ends on Thursday 24 March 2016
(Half term from Monday 15 February to Friday 19 February 2016)

Summer Term 2016 starts on Monday 11 April 2016 and ends on Wednesday 20 July 2016
(Half term from Monday 30 May to Friday 3 June 2016)

Term	Start date	End Date
Autumn 2015	1 September 2015	18 December 2015
	Half term 26 – 30 October 2015	
Spring 2016	4 January 2016	24 March 2016
	Half term 15 – 19 February 2016	
Summer 2016	11 April 2016	20 July 2016
	Half term 30 May – 3 June 2016	

CORPORATE OR LEGAL INFORMATION:**Links to the Corporate Strategy**

Hampshire safer and more secure for all:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Maximising well-being:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
Enhancing our quality of place:	yes/no
Corporate Improvement plan link number (if appropriate):	
OR	
This proposal does not link to the Corporate Strategy but, nevertheless, requires a decision because:	
<i>NB: Only complete this section if you have not completed any of the Corporate Strategy tick boxes above. If it is not applicable, please delete.</i>	

NB: If the 'Other significant links' section below is not applicable, please delete it.

Other Significant Links

Links to previous Member decisions:		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Reference</u>	<u>Date</u>
Direct links to specific legislation or Government Directives		
<u>Title</u>	<u>Date</u>	

Section 100 D - Local Government Act 1972 - background documents

The following documents discuss facts or matters on which this report, or an important part of it, is based and have been relied upon to a material extent in the preparation of this report. (NB: the list excludes published works and any documents which disclose exempt or confidential information as defined in the Act.)

<u>Document</u>	<u>Location</u>
None	

IMPACT ASSESSMENTS:

1. Equalities Impact Assessment:

1.1.

2. Impact on Crime and Disorder:

2.1.

3. Climate Change:

- a) How does what is being proposed impact on our carbon footprint / energy consumption?

- b) How does what is being proposed consider the need to adapt to climate change, and be resilient to its longer term impacts?