

## **Record of Decisions**

### **School Term and Holiday Dates 2014/15 and 2015/16**

#### **Decision Taker**

Director of Children's Services on 13 March 2013

#### **Decision**

- (i) That the school term and holiday dates for 2014 - 2015 (appendix 1) and 2015 - 2016 (appendix 2) are approved; and
- (ii) that schools be recommended to:
  - (a) allocate 5 training days at the discretion of the governors
  - (b) have common one-week half-terms.

#### **Reason for the Decision**

The determination of school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools is a statutory function.

#### **Implementation**

This decision will come into force and may be implemented on 13 March 2013.

#### **Information**

The Council has a statutory duty to determine the school term and holiday dates for community and voluntary controlled schools. In foundation, voluntary aided schools and academies the governing body is responsible for agreeing term and holiday dates.

All maintained schools are required to be open for pupils on 190 days and Teachers must be available for work for 195 days to include 5 professional development days.

We requested that schools, governors and unions consider the adoption of the provisional school term dates and that five further training days be allocated at the discretion of the governors.

The proposals were accepted by all schools who replied by the consultation deadline and the school term dates enclosed are recommended for approval (appendices 1 and 2).

#### **Alternative Options considered and rejected at the time of the decision**

None

#### **Is this a Key Decision?**

Yes

**Does the call-in procedure apply?**

No

**Declarations of interest** (including details of any relevant dispensations issued by the Standards Committee)

None

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Signed: \_\_\_\_\_  
Director of Children's Services

Date: \_\_\_\_\_