

## **1. SUMMARY**

- 1.1 The major school holiday arrangements for Argyll and Bute for session 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 require to be set by the Executive.
- 1.2 Members are asked to agree a framework for the main school holiday periods in Argyll and Bute into which other related dates – in-service days and local holidays will be incorporated.
- 1.3 Proposals for the main school holiday periods in Argyll and Bute is attached as Appendices 1 and 2. They take appropriate account of the arrangements outlined by other authorities.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

The Executive is asked to agree that:

- (a) the proposals for school holiday arrangements in session 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 be accepted
- (b) the incorporation of in-service and additional holidays agreed by the Executive Director be intimated to Area Committees
- (c) the final patterns of school holidays and in-service days be circulated widely thereafter to all interested parties.

## **3. DETAIL**

- 3.1 Following a cross authority meeting to discuss school holiday arrangements it was agreed that all authorities represented at the meeting would try to follow the same core holiday pattern.
- 3.2 Copies of the school holiday proposals have been circulated to the relevant unions and teachers' professional associations for consultation and comment. The proposals have their support.
- 3.3 Once the proposals for school holidays in 2013/2014 and 2014/2015 have been agreed, they will be circulated to all head teachers to have the dates of the remaining in-service days and the dates of the five local holidays agreed in consultation with Parent Councils and incorporated.

3.4 The completed school holiday arrangements will then be intimated to all members and thereafter to all relevant parties.

#### **4. CONCLUSIONS**

4.1 The wider discussion amongst local authorities has resulted in a proposed school holiday pattern which minimises variation between neighbouring councils yet broadly takes account of historical school holiday arrangements in Argyll and Bute.

#### **5. IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** The recommendations in this report are in keeping with the council's commitment to open communication.

**Financial:** None

**Personnel:** None

**Equal  
Opportunity:** None

**Legal:** None

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TERM	BREAK	DATES OF ATTENDANCE		HOLIDAY TOTAL	WORKING DAYS TEACHERS
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		Closed	13 August 2013 Teachers' In-service day		
		Open	14 August 2013 Pupils Return		
	October	Close	11 October 2013	5 (6)	44
		Open	21 October 2013		
	Christmas	Close	20 December 2013	10 (16)	45 (89)
Second		Open	6 January 2014		
		Close	13 February 2014	2 (18)	29 (118)
		Open	18 February 2014		
	Spring	Close	4 April 2014	11 (29)	34 (152)
		Open	22 April 2014		
		Close	02 May 2014	1 (30)	9 (161)
Third		Open	06 May 2014		
		Close	27 June 2014		39 (200)
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