#### **ABERDEEN CITY COUNCIL**

COMMITTEE Education and Children's Services

DATE 2 December 2014

DIRECTOR Gayle Gorman

TITLE OF REPORT School Holiday Pattern 2015/16 to 2019/20

REPORT NUMBER ECS/14/056

CHECKLIST COMPLETED Yes

#### 1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

To report to Committee on the outcome of consultation on the school holiday pattern from school session 2015/16 to 2019/20.

## 2. RECOMMENDATION(S)

To implement the proposed holiday pattern (Option 1) and to widely publicise the holiday pattern to maximise public awareness.

#### 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

There are no financial implications associated with this report.

#### 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS

Legal – The recommended school holiday pattern allows the requirement for the statutory number of school openings (190 days per year for pupils) to be met.

Resources – Officer time and expenditure associated with the consultation exercise has been met from existing service budgets.

Personnel – Implementation of the recommendations will not result in any significant personnel implications.

Property – There are no property implications arising from the implementation of this proposal.

Equipment – There are no equipment implications or risks associated with this report.

Sustainability and environmental – There are no significant sustainability or environmental issues associated with this report.

Health and safety – There are no Health and Safety implications or risks associated with this report.

Policy – there are no significant policy implications or risks associated with this report.

#### 5. BACKGROUND/MAIN ISSUES

The Council, in common with all other Scottish Councils, consults upon and publishes five year holiday patterns.

The views of all stakeholders were sought including:

- Parents and carers of school age and nursery children
- Teaching and support staff within schools
- Residents within Aberdeen City
- Neighbouring Local Authorities (Aberdeenshire Council)
- Any other relevant individual or body

The consultation period was between 17 August and 17 September, 2014.

Submissions were sought in four formats:

- 1. in writing
- 2. by completing a pro forma (Appendix 1)
- 3. by email
- 4. by completing an online survey (appendix 2).

There were two options to stimulate participation.

**Option 1** followed the pattern of holidays in the city which has been in place for the last five year period.

This included:

- 1. a six week summer vacation
- two week vacations in October, over Christmas/New Year and in the spring. Other occasional holidays and long weekends were additionally provided. This included a traditional 'long weekend' in September.

<u>Option 2</u> differed by proposing removal of the September weekend and placing these holidays at other times of the year, most notably being added to the Christmas/New Year holiday in 2015/16.

This would have the advantage of the end of the winter school term being on a Friday in 2015.

Aberdeenshire Council's agreed holiday pattern reflects Option 2.

Consultees were asked if they support Option 1 or 2 or if they had no preference.

An opportunity was also provided to make other suggestions and to comment further.

#### **Results of Consultation**

Table 1: Preferences and number of submissions made in different formats and

Response	Number of submissions	Option 1	Option 2	No preference	Other suggestion
In writing	0	0	0	0	0
Pro forma	4444	1767	1389	721	567
Email	549	220	111	20	198
Online survey*	215	113	87	15	0
Total	5208	2100	1587	756	765

<sup>\*</sup> aggregated out over the five years of the holiday period under consultation. Some respondents wanted different pattern depending upon the year.

Whilst it is acknowledged that this was not a referendum, the majority of respondents who expressed a preference indicated Option 1, i.e. to retain the existing arrangements with a long weekend in September.

A significant number did not express a preference or suggested alternatives.

Alternative suggestions included:

- a week long holiday in February,
- longer at Christmas and New Year,
- shorter holiday period in October and longer in summer (as in some other Local Authorities),
- acknowledgement of other non-Christian religious holidays.

There was strong support for retaining the existing main holiday periods of six weeks at summer, two weeks in October, two weeks over the Christmas/New Year period and two weeks in spring. There was also strong support for aligning the main holiday periods above with Aberdeenshire.

In addition, a small number of respondents indicated they would prefer the name of all holidays to have no religious connections, i.e. spring (instead of Easter) and winter (instead of Christmas/New Year).

Although there was significant support for a longer holiday period in February, this was tempered by the view that there is a requirement for pupils, particularly those preparing for examinations, to be uninterrupted in their studies at this important time of year.

Many of the suggested alternatives were countered by alternative submissions opposing exactly such proposals.

Overall, the majority preferred that is effectively the status quo, i.e. the main holiday periods retained, as well as retention of the long September holiday weekend.

This differs slightly from Aberdeenshire Council which has confirmed that there is no long weekend in September and that these two days are taken at other times of the year, mainly attached to other holiday periods.

The recommendation is, with the exception of school session 2015-16, that the long September weekend will be retained.

In session 2015-16 only, there will be no 'long weekend' in September and instead the two days will be added to the beginning of the Christmas holiday. This will allow the winter term to end on a Friday (18 December, 2015) bringing it in line with every other year. This pattern will prevent a 'short week' of two days (Monday 21 and Tuesday 22 December, 2015) which is generally acknowledged as being a period during which meaningful learning is often difficult to achieve.

Additional local holidays and In-service Days are normally arranged on a year by year basis.

The full proposed pattern can be found at Appendix 1.

#### 6. IMPACT

Corporate – There are no formal links between this report the Community Plan, the Single Outcome Agreement, the 5 year Corporate Business Plan or individual Service Plans.

Public - This report is likely to be of interest to the public as they will be interested in when school aged children will be on holiday. It will also be of interest to both teaching and support staff.

The Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment (EHRIA) (Appendix 3) describes the likely impact on minority groups, in particular those of different religious backgrounds.

#### 7. MANAGEMENT OF RISK

The potential for negative impact on a decision of the committee is low as consultation was widespread and the recommended decision is the option which gathered most support.

#### 8. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix 1 Proposed Holiday Pattern – 2015/16 to 2019/20

Appendix 2 Response pro forma

Appendix 3 Online survey

Appendix 4 EHRIA Report

#### 9. REPORT AUTHOR DETAILS

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## Appendix 1 PROPOSED SCHOOL HOLIDAY DATES

2015/2016	2016/2017	2017/2018	2018/2019	2019/2020
Monday 17 August 2015	Monday 15 August 2016	Monday 21 August 2017	Monday 20 August 2018	Monday 19 August 2019
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-	Monday 26 September 2016	Monday 25 September 2017	Monday 24 September 2018	Monday 23 September 2019
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Pupils Return	Tuesday 22 August 2017	Tuesday 22 August 2017
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Term Ends	Friday 22 December 2017	Friday 22 December 2017
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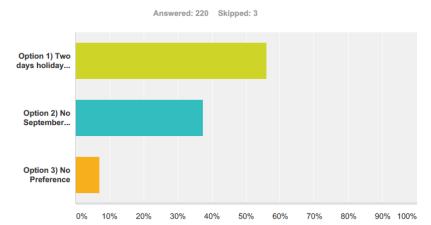
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## Appendix 2 Online Survey

#### 2015-16

#### Holiday Proposal 2015 to 2020 Options

#### Q1 Please choose one of the options below

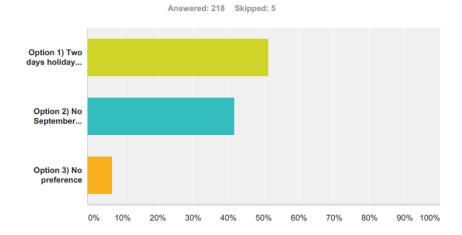


Answer Choices		
Option 1) Two days holiday in September	55.91%	123
Option 2) No September holidays, two days added on to Christmas holiday.		82
Option 3) No Preference	6.82%	15
Total		220

#### 2016-17

## Holiday Proposal 2015 to 2020 Options

#### Q2 Please choose one of the options below

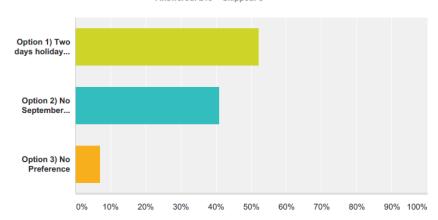


Answer Choices		
Option 1) Two days holiday in September.	51.38%	112
Option 2) No September holiday, dates to be determined.	41.74%	91
Option 3) No preference	6.88%	15
Total		218

#### Holiday Proposal 2015 to 2020 Options

#### Q3 Please choose one of the options below

Answered: 215 Skipped: 8



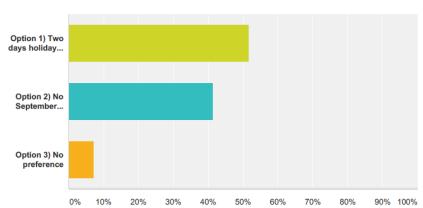
Answer Choices		
Option 1) Two days holiday in September	52.09%	112
Option 2) No September holiday, dates to be determined	40.93%	88
Option 3) No Preference	6.98%	15
Total		215

#### 2018-19

## Holiday Proposal 2015 to 2020 Options

#### Q4 Please choose one of the options below

Answered: 213 Skipped: 10

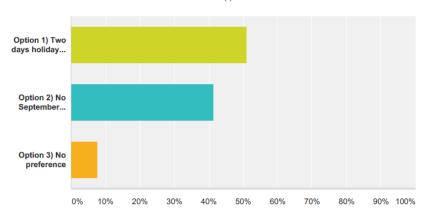


Answer Choices	Responses	
Option 1) Two days holiday in September.	51.64%	110
Option 2) No September holiday, dates to be determined.	41.31%	88
Option 3) No preference	7.04%	15
Total		213

## Holiday Proposal 2015 to 2020 Options

## Q5 Please choose one of the options below

Answered: 210 Skipped: 13



Answer Choices	Responses	
Option 1) Two days holiday in September.	50.95%	107
Option 2) No September holiday, dates to be determined.	41.43%	87
Option 3) No preference	7.62%	16
Total		210



# **Equality and Human Rights Impact**

# Assessment - the Form

There are separate guidance notes to accompany this form – "Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment – the Guide." Please use these guidance notes as you complete this form. Throughout the form, **proposal** refers to policy, strategy, plan, procedure or report.

1.	Committee Report No.	ECS/14/056
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- 2. Name of proposal. School Holiday Pattern 2015/16 to 2019/20
- 3. Officers completing this form.

Name	Designation	Service	Directorate
Derek Samson	Service Manager	Education	Education Culture and
	Schools		Sport

- 4. Date of Impact Assessment. 8 October, 2014
- 5. When is the proposal next due for review? 5 years
- 6. Committee Name. Education and Children's Services
- 7. Date the Committee is due to meet. 2 December 2014

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment - the Form.

8. Identify the Lead Council Service and who else is involved in the delivery of this proposal. (for example other Council services or partner agencies)

Lead Service: Education and Children's Services

Please summarise this Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment, (EHRIA).
 This must include any practical actions you intend to take / have taken to reduce, justify or remove any adverse negative impacts (if necessary continue on blank sheet of paper). Please return to this question after completing EHRIA.

The consultation on the next five years' school holiday pattern has provided evidence of a broad range of views from many different parts of the community. Whilst views differ and are often contrary, it is clear that the majority of consultees who expressed a preference were in favour of a particular option (Option 1). Whilst it is acknowledged that this may disappoint individuals and particular groups, other existing arrangements, such as requests to schools for authorised absence of pupils, should allow participation in almost all activities which do not fall within the planned holiday periods.

10. Where will you publish the results of the Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment? Tick all that apply.

Summary of EHRIA will be published in committee report under section "Equality Impact Assessment"

 $\sqrt{\text{Full EHRIA}}$  will be attached to the committee report as an appendix

Summary of EHRIA to be published on Council website within relevant service pages

## STEP 2: Outline the aims of the proposal

11. What are the main aims of the proposal?

To advise Committee the outcome of the consultation on the school holiday pattern for school sessions 2015/16 to 2019/20 and to recommend a preferred option.

12. Who will benefit most from the proposal?

All pupils, staff and parents/carers and the general public as the school holiday pattern for the next five years will be set.

13. Tell us if and how the proposal will increase equality of opportunity by permitting positive action to redress disadvantage?

There will be very limited or no potential impact on redressing disadvantage.

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14. What impact will the proposal have on promoting good relations and wider community cohesion?

Other than ensuring all members of the community are aware of the school holiday period, there will be no impact on promoting good relations and wider community cohesion.

#### STEP 3: Gather and consider evidence

15. What evidence is there to identify any potential positive or negative impacts in terms of consultation, research officer knowledge and experience, equality monitoring data, user feedback and other?

As many sections of the community as possible were asked to submit their views during the consultation period. This was achieved by using four different methods of gathering views. The wide number and diverse range of submission provide evidence that this was successful.

### STEP 4: Assess likely impacts on equality strands

16. Which, if any, equality target groups and others could be affected positively or negatively by this proposal? Place the symbol in the relevant box.

(Positive +, neutral 0, - negative)

Equality Target Group					
Race*	-	Disability	0	Gender**	0
LGB***	0	Belief	-	Younger	-
Older	0	Others e.g. poverty	0		

- \* Race includes Gypsies/Travellers
- \*\* Gender includes women, men, Transgender
- \*\*\* LGB: Lesbian, Gay and Bisexual
- 17. Please detail the potential positive and/or negative impacts on the groups you have highlighted above? Detail the impacts and describe the groups affected.

Positive impacts	Negative Impacts
(describe groups affected)	(describe groups affected)
The dates of all main school	· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·
for school session 2015/16 to	
will be publicised and everyo	ne coincides with particular religious celebrations.
affected will be able to plan	
accordingly.	The facility to request authorised absence will still
	be available to such families.

## STEP 5: Apply the three key assessment tests for compliance assurance

18.	8. Does this policy/procedure have the potential to interfere with an individual's rights as set out in the Human Rights Act 1998? State which rights might be affected by ticking the appropriate box(es) and how. If you answer "no", go to question 22. NO			
	<ul> <li>□ Article 3 – Right not to be subjected to torture, inhumane or degrading treatment or punishment</li> <li>□ Article 6 – Right to a fair and public hearing</li> <li>□ Article 8 – Right to respect for private and family life, home and correspondence</li> <li>□ Article 10 – freedom of expression</li> <li>□ Other article not listed above</li> <li>How?</li> </ul>			
Leç	yality			
19.	Where there is a potential negative impact is there a legal basis in the relevant domestic law?			
	Not applicable			
Leç	Legitimate aim			
20.	0. Is the aim of the policy a legitimate aim being served in terms of the relevant equality legislation or the Human Rights Act?			
	Not applicable			
Pro	portionality			
21.	Is the impact of the policy proportionate to the legitimate aim being pursued? Is it the minimum necessary interference to achieve the legitimate aim?			
	Not applicable			
STI	EP 6: Monitor and review			
22.	How will you monitor the implementation of the proposal? (For example, customer satisfaction questionnaires)			
	We will consult again on the next five year pattern in advance of the end of the current proposed arrangements.			

Equality and Human Rights Impact Assessment - the Form.

22. How will the results of this impact assessment and any further monitoring be used to develop the proposal?

We will respond to significant submissions from any particular groups. Whilst the consultation is not a referendum, Elected Members have to be made aware of views of consultees who have submitted their views.

#### STEP 7 SIGN OFF

The final stage of the EHRIA is formally to sign off the document as being a complete, rigorous and robust assessment.

Person(s) completing the impact assessment.

Name	Date	Signature
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