

15th July 2019

Agenda Item: 14

**REPORT OF THE SERVICE DIRECTOR FOR EDUCATION, LEARNING AND
SKILLS****AMENDMENT TO SCHOOL HOLIDAY AND TERM TIME DATES FOR LOCAL
AUTHORITY MAINTAINED SCHOOLS IN NOTTINGHAMSHIRE FOR 2019/20****Purpose of the Report**

1. Nottinghamshire County Council has previously undertaken statutory consultation with key stakeholders in order to set school holiday and term time dates. The purpose of this report is to inform Committee of the government announcement to change the early May bank holiday 2020 which impacts on the school holiday arrangements already set for 2019/2020 for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire as set out in **Appendix 2**.

Information

2. The 1996 Education Act gives local authorities a duty to determine school term dates and Nottinghamshire County Council is responsible under section 32 of the Education Act 2002 for fixing dates of terms and holidays of maintained schools. Schools must be open to pupils for 190 days in an academic year, and 195 days for teachers. The responsibility for setting school holiday and term time dates for all community and voluntary controlled schools within Nottinghamshire lies with the Local Authority (LA). It should be noted that Foundation, Trust, Voluntary Aided schools and Academies are responsible for setting their own holiday patterns.
3. Holiday dates for LA maintained schools in Nottinghamshire for 2019/2020 to 2022/2023 were approved on 18 December 2017. However, on 7 June 2019, the government announced a change to the 2020 early May bank holiday from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May to mark the 75th anniversary of VE Day. As a result, the school holiday calendar for 2019-2020 currently published, attached as **Appendix 1**, will require an amendment to facilitate the change to the early May bank holiday, as set out in **Appendix 2**.

Other Options Considered

4. No other option has been considered; moving a bank holiday is achieved by a Royal Proclamation under the Banking and Financial Dealings Act 1971.

Reasons for Recommendation

5. The early May bank holiday will move in England, Wales and Northern Ireland.
6. To update Nottinghamshire's school holiday pattern for 2019/2020 to reflect the recent government announcement to change the early May bank holiday.

Statutory and Policy Implications

7. This report has been compiled after consideration of implications in respect of crime and disorder, data protection and information governance, finance, human resources, human rights, the NHS Constitution (public health services), the public sector equality duty, safeguarding of children and adults at risk, service users, smarter working, sustainability and the environment and where such implications are material they are described below.

Crime and Disorder Implications

8. Due consideration has been given to crime and disorder issues. The Police services and other voluntary bodies who provide out of holiday care and educational opportunity have key roles to play in reducing crime and increasing self-confidence, emotional resilience for any child or young person engaging with holiday provision.

Finance Implications

9. There are no direct costs involved in the process of setting school holiday dates. The information currently available can be updated electronically on the public website.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1) That Committee approves the amendment to the school holiday and term time dates for 2019/2020 for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire as set out in **Appendix 2**.

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Constitutional Comments (AK 20/06/19)

10. The recommendation falls within the remit of the Children and Young People's Committee under its terms of reference.

Financial Comments (SAS 24/06/19)

11. There are no financial implications arising directly from this report.

Background Papers and Published Documents

Except for previously published documents, which will be available elsewhere, the documents listed here will be available for inspection in accordance with Section 100D of the Local Government Act 1972.

School holiday and term dates for Local Authority maintained schools in Nottinghamshire 2019/2020, 2020/2021 and 2022/2023 – report to Children and Young People’s Committee on 18 December 2017

School holiday and term dates for 2019/2020 as agreed on 18 December 2017

Government press release published 7 June 2019 – 2020 May bank holiday will be moved to mark 75th anniversary of VE Day (<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/2020-may-bank-holiday-will-be-moved-to-mark-75th-anniversary-of-ve-day>)

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