

RECORD OF DECISION TAKEN UNDER CABINET MEMBER DELEGATED POWERS AT COUNTY HALL, NEWPORT, ISLE OF WIGHT ON THURSDAY, 11 JUNE 2020

**THE CALL IN PERIOD FOR THIS DECISION EXPIRES AT 5.00PM ON THURSDAY 18 JUNE 2020. THE DECISION CANNOT BE IMPLEMENTED UNTIL AFTER THAT DATE.**

Present: Cllr Paul Brading– Cabinet Member for Children’s Services, Education and Skills

Marie Bartlett – Democratic Services Officer

<b>Item</b>	<a href="#">School Term Dates 2021-22</a>	
<b>Reference</b>	04/20	
<b>Report for Decision Published</b>	Wednesday 3 June 2020	
<b>Decision taken</b>	To approve the proposed calendar for term dates 2021/2022 as set out in Appendix 3.	
<b>Reason for decision</b>	<p>To provide a consistent and appropriate term date calendar for schools across the Isle of Wight, taking into consideration the usual pattern of local authority calendars across the UK and the ongoing partnership arrangements with Hampshire County Council.</p> <p>The proposed pattern for term and holiday dates on the Isle of Wight takes account of the last day of term in July 2021 and then provides balanced half terms and holiday periods.</p>	
<b>Additional reasons</b>	None	
<b>Options considered and rejected</b>	<p>To approve the proposed calendar in Appendix 3 subject to amendments</p> <p>To approve the proposed calendar for the term dates set out in Appendix 2 that formed the original proposal.</p>	
<b>Representations Received</b>	<b>Representations received (provide summary of each issue/concern below)</b>	<b>Response to representations (provide response to each)</b>
	Mr D Coughlin – could there be an option to reduce the October half term to 1 ½ weeks, and the Christmas holiday is too short.	When I looked at the 2021/22 year I asked officers for two requirements, one was to retain the two weeks October half term and the second was five complete weeks in the summer. This second point is vital for parents with school

		children, helps businesses plan holiday rotas, and is right for staff to have a complete five week break. During the statutory consultation 12 schools submitted comments. Many mentioned the length of the Christmas break only one said we should revert to one week October half term.
	Mr and Mrs Oxley – raising concerns regarding the Autumn term 2020 and the last day of that being 23 December 2020. This seems unfair to the children, towards the end of the term children are tired, prone to illness and need time to process learning, staff will have little time to finish off terms learning to enjoy time with their own families.	Thankyou for your comments about Term Dates for the school year 2021/22
	<b>Questions received from Members</b>	<b>Response to any questions (provided in receipt at least 48 hours before the date of decision published in the Forward</b>
	None	N/A
<b>Declarations of interest</b>	None	
<b>Additional advice received</b>	None	

Signature.....CLLR PAUL BRADING.....

Date .....11 JUNE 2020.....