

Southend-on-Sea Borough Council

Agenda
Item No.

**Report of Deputy Chief Executive (People)
to
Cabinet
on
13th March 2018**

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School Term Dates 2019/20

Executive Councillor: Councillor James Courtney

A Part 1 Public Agenda Item

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To propose the guideline school term and holiday dates for the academic year 2019/20.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 **That the school term and holiday dates for 2019/20 as set out in Appendix 1 be approved as a guide to schools.**

3. Background

- 3.1 There is no national determination of school term dates. Historically the Council has set the term dates for community schools in Southend. In the main, academies, foundation, voluntary aided and maintained schools have chosen to adopt dates set by the Council.
- 3.2 In view of the cross border movement with Essex County Council of both pupils and staff, the coordination with Essex has been an important principle. It is not clear at this stage if Essex County Council will be changing their dates post their consultation.
- 3.3 It is recommended that we proceed with the dates as set out in Appendix 1.

4. Proposed term dates

- 4.1 The proposed term dates for 2019/20 are set out in Appendix 1.
- 4.2 The proposed term dates for 2019/20 for Essex County Council are set out in Appendix 2.
- 4.3 The approved final term dates for 2018/19 for Southend-on-sea are provided for reference in Appendix 3.
- 4.2 A consultation was held with all schools in the borough between 3rd -31st January 2018 and no comments or objections were received. There is no requirement to consult with parents and carers.

- 4.3 It is the view of officers that Southend-on-Sea should proceed with the approval of the term dates as set out in Appendix 1.

5. Reasons for recommendations

- 5.1 As set out in the report.

6. Corporate Implications

- 6.1 Contribution to Council's Vision & Corporate Priorities
Improving public satisfaction is a critical priority for the Council. It is anticipated that as the proposed dates coincide with Essex they should be acceptable to the majority of schools, parents and carers.
- 6.2 Financial Implications - None
- 6.3 Legal Implications - None
- 6.4 People Implications – Coordination with Essex is important for pupils and staff.
- 6.5 Property Implications - None
- 6.6 Consultation – as detailed in section 4 of the report.
- 6.7 Equalities and Diversity Implications – None as dates serve the same for all pupils in the borough.
- 6.8 Risk Assessment – None undertaken as dates serve the same for all pupils in the borough.
- 6.9 Value for Money implications – None
- 6.10 Community Safety Implications – None
- 6.11 Environmental Impact – The coordination of term and holiday dates will minimise the number of car journeys to school.

7. Background Papers

- 7.1 There are no background papers.

8. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Proposed Southend-on-sea Term dates 2019-20

Appendix 2 – Essex County council Draft Term Dates 2019-20

Appendix 3 – Final Term Dates, Southend-on-sea Borough Council, 2018-19