

<b>MEETING:</b>	<b>HEREFORDSHIRE LOCAL ADMISSIONS FORUM</b>
<b>DATE:</b>	<b>14 JULY 2010</b>
<b>TITLE OF REPORT:</b>	<b>PROPOSED TERM DATES FOR 2011/2012 AND 2012/2013 ACADEMIC YEARS</b>
<b>OFFICER:</b>	<b>GOVERNOR SERVICES COORDINATOR</b>

**CLASSIFICATION:** Open

### **Wards Affected**

Countywide

### **Purpose**

To approve proposals, sent out for consultation, to adopt the School Term Dates for both 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 academic years.

### **Key Decision**

This is a Key Decision because it is likely to be significant in terms of its effect on communities living or working in Herefordshire in an area comprising one or more wards.

### **Recommendation(s)**

**THAT Committee:**

- (a) The Local Admissions Forum agree to adopt Option A for proposed School Term Dates for 2011/2012; and**
- (b) The Local Admissions Forum agree to adopt Option A for proposed School Term Dates for 2012/2013.**

### **Key Points Summary**

- There has been a consultation exercise with schools, diocesan authorities and union representatives as to proposals put to them for Option A or Option B to be accepted for term dates for 2011/2012 academic year. (Appendix A and Appendix B)
- There has been a consultation exercise with schools, diocesan authorities and union representatives as to proposals put to them for Option A or Option B to be accepted for term dates for 2012/2013 academic year. (Appendix C and Appendix D)
- The consultation period began on 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010 when a letter was sent to all consultees asking for their responses to be returned to the Directorate no later than Friday 14<sup>th</sup> May 2010 (Appendix E (letter) and Appendix F (form))

Further information on the subject of this report is available from  
Caroline Watkins – Governor Services Co-ordinator on (01432) 260929

- After the consultation period was completed the following responses have been received:

**2011/2012 – Option A only – 4**  
**Option B only – 3**

**2012/2013 = Option A only – 3**  
**Option B only – 4**

**Option A for both years = 34**

**Option B for both years = 3**

- The recommendation is for Option A to be adopted for term dates for both 2011/2012 and 2012/2013 academic years.

## **Alternative Options**

1. (a) Both Option A and Option B are those shown in Appendices A and B for the academic year 2011/2012.  
(b) Both Option A and Option B are those shown in Appendices C and D for the academic year 2012/2013.  
(c) The difference in offering alternative dates for consideration is that Option A format is the one chosen by all schools in previous years.  
(d) Option B however, extends the Christmas Holiday period, which had been requested by some Herefordshire Schools.  
(e) This is relevant to both year groups as stated.

## **Reasons for Recommendations**

2. To confirm to schools and parents the term dates set for the academic years 2011/2012 and 2012/2013.

## **Introduction and Background**

3. The Forum is requested to ratify these term dates as presented.

## **Key Considerations**

4. The term dates are presented to you for approval. If you are not willing to approve them then schools will be unable to plan for these two academic years. There is a demand from schools that they are informed of the decision made by the forum as soon as possible.

## **Community Impact**

5. Term Dates allow families to plan for their own social arrangements during an academic year.

## Financial Implications

6. There are no financial implications.

## Legal Implications

7. To meet the requirements of Statutory Instrument 2003/1667 – Responsibility for fixing dates and terms and holidays and times of sessions.

## Risk Management

8. (a) Term Dates are set to ensure that schools comply to the 190 teaching days as set out in Statutory Instrument 2003/1667. (or 189 teaching days for the academic year 2011/2012 due to the Queen's Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday);
  - (b) Term Dates are to incorporate 5 Teacher Training Days of which 2 or 3 are set by the local authority and the remainder are delegated to Headteacher's decision.
  - (c) If these term date proposals are declined then the local authority will not be fulfilling its statutory duty.

## Consultees

9. - All Headteachers of Herefordshire Schools;
  - Diocesan Authorities;
  - Professional Associations (Unions);
  - Department Leadership Team.

## Appendices

10. - **Appendix 6A** – School Terms and Holiday Dates – Option A – 2011/2012
- **Appendix 6B** – School Terms and Holiday Dates – Option B – 2011/2012
- **Appendix 6C** – School Terms and Holiday Dates – Option A – 2012/2013
- **Appendix 6D** – School Terms and Holiday Dates – Option B – 2012/2013
- **Appendix 6E** – Letter to Consultees dated 27<sup>th</sup> April 2010
- **Appendix 6F** – Consultation Response Form

## Background Papers

- None identified.