

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 27th March 2019 by the Cabinet Member for Education and Skills.

Date notified to all members: 28th March 2019

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on 3rd April 2019

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from 4th April 2019

1. **TITLE**

School Calendar 2020/21

2. **DECISION TAKEN**

The Cabinet Member for Children's Services is recommended to approve –

- (i) The School calendar for the 2020/21 academic year. (Appendix A) of the report.

3. **Reasons For Decision**

- 1. It is recommended that Appendix A of the report be approved as the model school calendar for the 2020/21 academic year. This model fixes Easter at the beginning of April 2021 (commencing Monday 2 April). The calendar applies to all Community schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools, Community Special Schools and maintained nursery schools. Voluntary Aided Schools, Trusts and Academies that are their own Admission Authority are recommended to adopt the model calendar to promote consistency across the City.

It is likely that Church Aided Schools will have their Easter Break around the religious festival. This has always been the case and Aided Schools will continue to set their own dates at Easter.

- 2. There was overwhelming support for fixing the Easter break at the beginning of April when the proposal was first consulted upon for the 2017/18 school calendar. It is accepted that there are many different views and opinions on the school calendar. The purpose of the consultation was to invite opinion and comment from all stakeholders. There have not been many responses to the proposed calendar, nor has there been any strong opposition to the proposed calendar for 2020/21 which indicates that the support expressed under last year's consultation continues.

4. **Alternatives Considered And Rejected**

In response to the overwhelming support for fixing the Easter Break during the 2017/18 consultation process the Authority has only consulted on this single model for 2020/21.

5. **Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted**

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, People Services

7. **Relevant Scrutiny Committee If Decision Called In**

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee