

SHEFFIELD CITY COUNCIL

INDIVIDUAL CABINET MEMBER DECISION RECORD

The following decision was taken on 15 September 2016 by the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families.

Date notified to all members: Thursday 15 September 2016

The end of the call-in period is 4:00 pm on Wednesday 21 September 2016

Unless called-in, the decision can be implemented from Thursday 22 September 2016

1. TITLE

School Calendar 2017/18

2. DECISION TAKEN

That the Cabinet Member for Children, Young People and Families approves:-

that the recommended School Calendar for 2017/18 Academic Year fixes an Easter Break in the first 2 weeks of April. (Appendix C)

This option was supported by an overwhelming number of respondents to the consultation (71%)

3. Reasons For Decision

It is recommended that Option 2 (Appendix C of the report) be approved as the model school calendar for the 2017/18 academic year. This model fixes Easter at the first two weeks in April 2018. The calendar applies to all Community schools, Voluntary Controlled Schools and community Special 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.

The purpose of the extensive consultation was to invite opinion and comment from all stakeholders. There is overwhelming support for Option 2 from those consulted and approval of this Option demonstrates that the Authority has listened to the opinions of those who responded to the consultation.

4. Alternatives Considered And Rejected

Option 2 was originally considered as described in paragraph 3 of the report. This option proposed a two week October half term break. To achieve this the summer break would have to be reduced by one week from six to five. This option was not supported by schools at the seminar because it would extend the final summer term by one week.

5. Any Interest Declared or Dispensation Granted

None

6. **Respective Director Responsible for Implementation**

Executive Director, Children, Young People and Families

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

Children, Young People and Family Support Scrutiny Committee