



CABINET – 31ST JULY 2012

SUBJECT: SCHOOL TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2013 - 2016

REPORT BY: CORPORATE DIRECTOR EDUCATION, LIFELONG LEARNING AND LEISURE

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 To determine Caerphilly County Borough Council's dates for the academic years 2013/14, 2014/15 and 2015/16.

2. SUMMARY

- 2.1 The School Term and Holiday dates for the Academic years 2013 to 2016 proposed have been established to try and ensure that there are common dates across Wales. 16 of the 21 other Welsh Authorities have adopted the same dates. The other 5 Authority dates are not yet known.

3. LINKS TO STRATEGY

- 3.1 The report links directly to the Education for Life strategy.

4. THE REPORT

- 4.1 Cabinet, at its meeting in July 2011, agreed school term and holiday dates for the 2012-2013 academic year.
- 4.2 The proposed dates for 2013-2016 have recently been circulated with an 8 day response period given.
- 4.3 It is recommended to adopt the dates for 2013/2016 as outlined in the attached Appendix. 16 of the 21 other Welsh Authorities have already adopted the proposed dates, this included 4 of the 5 Central South Consortium and 2 of the other 4 South East Consortium.

5. EQUALITIES IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 Impact Assessment screening has been completed in accordance with the Council's Strategic Equality plan and no potential for unlawful discrimination has been identified affecting one or more of the target equality groups.`

6. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

6.1 None.

7. PERSONNEL IMPLICATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CONSULTATIONS

8.1 As detailed below.

9. RECOMMENDATIONS

9.1 To approve dates as outlined in the Appendix for the 2013-2016 academic year.

10. REASONS FOR THE RECOMMENDATIONS

10.1 To determine term dates for the 2013-2016 academic year and notify schools accordingly.

11. STATUTORY POWER

11.1 It is a matter for individual LAs to determine school terms and holidays in accordance with Section 41 of the School Standards and Framework Act 1998.

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Background Papers:
School Terms and Holidays file.

Appendices:
Appendix 1 Proposed School Term Dates 2013-2016