

# **NEATH PORT TALBOT COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL**

## **CHILDREN, YOUNG PEOPLE AND EDUCATION CABINET BOARD**

2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017

### **Report of the Head of Transformation Andrew Thomas**

#### **Matter for Decision**

**Wards Affected:** ALL WARDS

### **School Terms Dates 2019/2020**

#### **Purpose of the Report**

1. To obtain Children, Young People and Education Cabinet Board permission to consult on the proposed school term dates in respect of the 2019/2020 academic year.

#### **Executive Summary**

2. The Local Authority is responsible to determine school terms and holiday dates for community and maintained special schools and is required to consult on its proposals prior to determination.

#### **Background**

3. To ensure harmonisation of school term dates across Wales, the Welsh Government have issued legislation which gives the Welsh Ministers power to direct authorities and the governing bodies of voluntary aided and foundation schools on the school term dates that they set.

4. Where agreement cannot be met, Welsh Ministers have the power to intervene and direct the Local Authority.
5. It is a requirement that the Authority inform the Welsh Ministers of term dates for the school year 2019/2020 by the final working day in August 2017.
6. The 2019/2020 school term dates proposed by Neath Port Talbot are those that have been agreed by the ERW Consortia and are the same as those proposed by the North Consortia and South Central Consortia.
7. Permission is sought to consult on the proposed 2019/2020 term dates which are attached as Appendix A.

### **Financial Impact**

8. There are no financial impacts associated with this report.

### **Equality Impact Assessment**

9. A Screening Assessment has been undertaken to assist the Council in discharging its Public Sector Equality Duty under the Equality Act 2010. After completing the assessment it has been determined that this Policy does not require an Equality Impact Assessment (EIA). There are no equality impacts associated with this report.

### **Workforce Impacts**

10. There are no workforce impacts associated with this report.

### **Legal Impacts**

11. The Local Authority has a statutory requirement to consult on proposed school term dates.
12. In relation to this specific purpose of the report, there is a legal requirement that the 2019/2020 school term dates must be submitted to the Welsh Ministers by the final working day of August 2017.

## **Risk Management**

13. There are requirements placed on the Local Authority to consult and determine the school term dates prior to submission to the Welsh Ministers.

## **Consultation**

14. Permission is sort to consult with governing bodies and other admission authorities including those in the relevant area.

## **Recommendations**

15. To approve for consultation the proposed 2019/2020 school term dates.

## **Reason for Proposed Decision**

16. To enable the Authority to meet its statutory duties.

## **Implementation of Decision**

17. The decision is proposed for the three day call in period.

## **Appendices**

18. Appendix A: Proposed School Term Dates 2019/2020.

## **List of Background Papers**

19. The Education (Notification of School Term Dates)(Wales) Regulations 2014
20. School Standards and Framework Act, 1998

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**School Terms and Holiday Dates**  
**2019/2020 Academic Year**

		<b>Mid Term Holiday</b>			
<b>Term</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Begins</b>	<b>Ends</b>	<b>Term Ends</b>	<b>Days</b>
Autumn 2019	Monday 2 <sup>nd</sup> September	Monday 28 <sup>th</sup> October	Friday 1 <sup>st</sup> November	Friday 20 <sup>th</sup> December	<b>75</b>
Spring 2020	Monday 6 <sup>th</sup> January	Monday 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Friday 21 <sup>st</sup> February	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> April	<b>60</b>
Summer 2020	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> April	Monday 25 <sup>th</sup> May	Friday 29 <sup>th</sup> May	Monday 20 <sup>th</sup> July	<b>60</b>
				<b>Total</b>	<b>195</b>

**Schools will be closed to pupils for INSET/Staff Preparation on five days between Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> September 2019 and Monday 20<sup>th</sup> July 2020.**

**Bank Holidays**

Good Friday,	10 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
Easter Monday,	23 <sup>th</sup> April 2020
May Day,	4 <sup>th</sup> May 2020 (All schools closed)
Spring Bank Holiday,	25 <sup>th</sup> May 2020