

EE5. Outcome of Consultation on School Term Dates

The Emergency Executive considered a report by the Director of Children's Services which provided a summary of the results from the consultation exercise undertaken by Falkirk Council on amending the school term dates. Information was also provided on the consultation exercises carried out by both Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils along with proposals on how to progress the outcomes of the consultation exercises.

The proposal which would amend term dates from academic year 2022/2023 had received a favourable response in the consultation. The proposal was that the new school year would commence on the second full week in August rather than the third. The October holiday would start on the Monday of the first full week in October and would last for two weeks.

Term dates were normally published at least 16 months in advance i.e. the term dates for the school session starting August 2022 would be published by Easter 2021. The exact term dates were worked out by officers across the three authorities before being agreed by management and teaching unions at the Local Negotiating Committee for Teachers.

Decision

The Emergency Executive:-

- (1) noted the outcome of the consultation exercise undertaken within the Falkirk area;**
- (2) noted the update provided on the consultation exercises undertaken by both Clackmannanshire and Stirling Councils; and**
- (3) agreed that the Director of Children's Services can proceed with the proposal to amend term dates, as outlined in Section 3.1 with effect from August 2022 once confirmation has been received that both other Councils have also agreed to do this.**