

Memorandum for Education and Employment Committee

SUBJECT

School Term Times

Memorandum by Mrs Wendy Benjamin - Director

ADVICE SOUGHT

1. Members of the Education and Employment Committee are asked to review the proposed term times and with a view to approving for use in the next Academic Year.

BACKGROUND & CONSIDERATIONS

2. The School Term Times are developed on an annual basis to provide the structure of the school year. Guidance on the Terms and Vacations is specified in the Education Regulations.

Research is indicating that despite proposed amendments to the Regulations (2015) there is no evidence that these were endorsed. As a result of this the current allocation of 10 Staff Development Days are not considered within the current guidance which has resulted in a discrepancy between the Terms and Vacations guidance as given in the Approved Education Regulations (2011).

Given that the operations of the Directorate have changed since 2011 Committee are asked to approve the current Term Times with the condition that the Education Regulations be updated in line with the current requirements of the organisation.

In addition, for information, there was an oversight on the Term Times for School year 2020-21. Indications were that the school year would begin on Tuesday 31 August 2021. This has been adjusted to delay the start of the school year to 1 September 2021 to ensure there is no overlap between school years.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

3. It is anticipated that there are no financial implications.

ECONOMIC IMPLICATIONS

4. It is anticipated that there are no economic implications.

CONSISTENCY WITH INVESTMENT POLICY PRINCIPLES

5. n/a

PUBLIC / SOCIAL IMPACT

6. This is anticipated to be minimal as there is little change to current requirements.

ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT

7. n/a

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PREVIOUS CONSULTATION / COMMITTEE INPUT 8. July 2015 when the Education Regulations were presented in draft format to Committee for consideration.

PUBLIC REACTION 9. It is anticipated that this will be minimal.

PUBLICITY 10. This document will be shared with key stakeholders and the wider public once approved.

SUPPORT TO STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES LINK TO SUSTAINABLE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT PLAN GOALS 11. This paper supports the National Goal 2. ALTOGETHER BETTER FOR CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

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