# Portfolio Holder Decision Meeting AGENDA 

DATE: Friday 9 July 2010<br>TIME:<br>10.00 am<br>VENUE: Committee Room 6, Harrow Civic Centre

## MEMBERSHIP

Leader of the Council

Contact: Miriam Wearing, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Tel: 02084241542 miriam.wearing@harrow.gov.uk

## AGENDA - PART I

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND DECLARATIONS OF ANY DISPENSATIONS GRANTED BY THE STANDARDS COMMITTEE

To receive declarations of personal or prejudicial interests, arising from business to be transacted at this meeting, from:
(a) all Members of the Committee, Sub Committee, Panel or Forum;
(b) all other Members present in any part of the room or chamber.
2. MINUTES (Pages 1-2)

The minutes of the meeting held on 18 March 2010 to be taken as read and signed as a correct record.

## 3. PETITIONS

To receive petitions (if any) submitted by members of the public/Councillors under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 15 (Part 4D of the Constitution).

## 4. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

To receive questions (if any) under the provisions of Executive Procedure Rule 16 (Part 4D of the Constitution).
(Note: Paragraph 16 of the Executive Procedure Rules stipulates that questions will be asked in the order notice of them was received and that there be a time limit of 15 minutes).
5. MATTERS REFERRED TO THE EXECUTIVE MEMBER

In accordance with the provisions contained in Committee Procedure Rule 40 (Part 4B of the Constitution).
6. REPORTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY COMMITTEE OR SUBCOMMITTEES
(if any)
7. SCHOOL TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/12 (Pages 3-16)

Report of the Director of Schools, Quality Assurance and Commissioning.
8. ANY OTHER URGENT BUSINESS

Which cannot otherwise be dealt with.

## AGENDA - PART II - NIL

| Publication of decisions | 9 July 2010 |
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| Deadline for Call in | 5.00 pm on 16 July 2010 |
| Decisions implemented if not Called in | 17 July 2010 |

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## PORTFOLIO HOLDER DECISION MEETING <br> MINUTES

## 18 MARCH 2010

Chairman: * Councillor Mrs Anjana Patel

* Denotes Member present

125. Declarations of Interest and Declarations of Any Dispensations Granted by the Standards Committee

RESOLVED: To note that
(1) there were no declarations of interests ;
(2) there were no declarations of any dispensations granted by the Standards Committee.
126. Minutes

RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on 8 December 2009, be taken as read and signed as a correct record.
127. Petitions and Public Questions

RESOLVED: To note that no petitions or public questions had been received.
128. Matters referred to the Executive Member

RESOLVED: To note that no matters had been referred to the Executive Member for reconsideration.
129. Reports from the Overview and Scrutiny Committee or Sub-Committees

RESOLVED: To note that no reports had been received.

## RESOLVED ITEM

130. Determination of the Statutory Proposals to clarify the age range of Priestmead Primary School and Nursery

The Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development considered a report of the Director of Schools and Children's Development regarding the statutory proposals to establish the age range of Priestmead Primary School and Nursery to be 4-11 years plus nursery from 1 September 2010 with a planned admission number of 90 .

At its meeting on 17 September 2009, Harrow Cabinet decided statutory notices be published in respect of the combined Priestmead School early in 2010 and that the Portfolio Holder for Schools and Children's Development be authorised to determine the additional statutory proposals.

It was noted that no objections had been received during the representation period. Changing the age range of Priestmead Primary School and Nursery would bring the school into line with the school reorganisation arrangements at all other schools in Harrow, as no other primary sector school in Harrow would have Year 7 classes. This change would ensure that the pupils received a consistent education that was aligned with the National Curriculum Key Stages.

RESOLVED: That the statutory proposals to establish the age range of Priestmead Primary School and Nursery to be 4-11 years plus nursery from 1 September 2010 with a planned admission number of 90 be approved.
(Note: The meeting, having commenced at 5.00 pm , closed at 5.05 pm ).

## SUBJECT: <br> School Term Dates Academic Year 2011/2012

## Responsible

 Officer:
## Portfolio Holder: Councillor Bill Stephenson, Leader of the Council

Key Decision:

## Urgent/Non Urgent: Non Urgent

| Power to be | Portfolio Holder Responsibilities (Allocation |
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| exercised: | of Responsibilities) - Paragraph 3 of |
|  | Delegated Powers of Portfolio Holders, |
|  | Appendix to the Executive Procedure Rules, |
|  | Part 4D of the Constitution |

Exempt: ..... No
Decision subject to ..... Yes
Call-in:
Enclosures:

Annexe A - Recommended School Term

Dates 2011/12

Annexe B - Alternative models considered
Annexe C - Extract from minutes of the Education Consultative Forum 28 June 2010

## Section 1 - Summary and Recommendations

This report presents the proposal for the School Term dates for the Academic Year 2011/2012 as recommended for approval by the Education Consultative Forum.

## Recommendations:

The Portfolio Holder is requested to determine the School Term Dates for 2011/12 as recommended by the Education Consultative Forum.

| $\begin{gathered} \text { Autumn } \\ \text { Term } \\ 2011 \end{gathered}$ | Thursday 1 Sept 2011 to Friday 21 October 2011 | (37 days) |
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|  | Monday 11 June 2012 to Friday 20 July 2012 | (30 days) |
| Total | 194 School Days including INSET days |  |

## Reason: (For recommendation)

In accordance with the Education Act 2002, Local Authorities have the responsibility to agree dates of school terms and holidays.

## Section 2 - Report

## Introductory paragraph

1. In Harrow the Education Consultative Forum (EdCF) considers proposals and recommends the term dates for each school year.
2. Schools are required by statute to provide schooling for 190 days. Teaching staff are required by their terms and conditions to complete 195 days including 5 development days. For the Academic Year 2011/12, schools will be required to complete 194 days. This is to accommodate the additional bank holiday for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee.

## Background

3. A model for Harrow is developed based on three elements:

- Harrow's Agreed Principles,
- The LGA's Standard School Year and,
- Other local authority models available.


## Harrow Agreed Principles:

4. EdCF agreed a set of principles to apply to School Term Dates for Harrow. These are as follows:

- The school year to be set with 195 days, incorporating 5 development days. (NB: 194 days for 2011/12)
- Schools to determine the development days
- The school year to start on the first useful day in September
- The October break to be one full week, the last full week in October
- A 10 school day break at Christmas
- A 10 school day break at Easter/Spring
- A one week break in February and May/June
- A summer break of 5-6 weeks (not more than 6 weeks)


## LGA Standard School Year

5. The LGA produces the Standard School Year model following consultation with their members. LGA have agreed to continue to circulate a Standard School Year model, and to work to a cycle that is complementary to the local authority decision making process.

## Other local authority models available

6. The majority of neighbouring local authorities are aligning their school term dates 2011/12 with the LGA's Standard School Year.

## Additional Bank Holiday in June 2012

7. On 5 January 2010, the Government announced an additional bank holiday in June 2012. The Diamond Jubilee Bank holiday is on Tuesday 5 June 2012. The Spring Bank holiday has been moved to Monday 4 June 2012 to form a long weekend. Legislation is being progressed to change the school year to 194 days for 2011/2012 only to accommodate this additional Bank Holiday.

## Occasional Days

8. At their meeting in June 2009, EdCF agreed to introduce Occasional Days. These allow governing bodies to agree to up to 3 additional closure days to take account of the need to observe Non-Christian religious festivals. If 3 occasional days are adopted then the school year will be 198 days and the additional days must be added to the end of the summer term (NB: 197 days for 2011/12). (see Annexe C).

## Options considered

9. At their meeting in January 2010, EdCF agreed to consider School Term Dates for 2011/12 when the Local Government Association (LGA) published the Standard School Year 2011/12.
10. A letter dated 25 March 2010 was sent to EdCF members with three proposed models. These were the LGA Standard School Year, Harrow Model A and Harrow Model B.
11. The table below presents the three models considered by the Education Consultative Forum. These are provided in more detail at:

- Annexe A -School Term Dates 2011/2012 (Harrow Model B). This is the model recommended for adoption by the Education Consultative Forum.
- Annexe B - Alternative models considered (LGA and Harrow Model A)

| Term | LGA | Harrow Model A | Harrow Model B |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Autumn Term Start | Monday 5 Sept 2011 | Thursday 1 Sept 2011 | Thursday 1 Sept 2011 |
| Autumn Term Ends | Friday 16 Dec 2011 | Friday 16 Dec 2011 | Friday 16 Dec 2011 |
| Spring Term Starts | Tuesday 3 Jan 2012 | Tuesday 3 Jan 2012 | Wednesday 4 Jan 2012 |
| Spring Term Ends | Friday 30 March 2012 | Friday 30 March 2012 | Friday 30 March 2012 |
| Summer Term Starts | Monday 16 April 2012 | Monday 16 April 2012 | Monday 16 April 2012 |
| Summer Term Ends | Monday 23 July 2012 | Thursday 19 July 2012 | Friday 20 July 2012 |

12. At their meeting on 28 June 2010, EdCF agreed to recommend to the Leader of the Council that Harrow Model B is determined to be the Harrow School Term Dates for 2011/12. Comment was made at the EdCF meeting that it was important to avoid extending the summer term 2012 for a further day to Monday 23 July 2012 because this may have a negative impact on attendance figures as families may start their summer holidays before the end of the term.

## Recommendation

13. The Director of Schools, Quality Assurance and Commissioning recommends that the model recommended by the Education Consultative Forum is approved. It is aligned with the LGA model and provides an additional day during the Christmas Holiday period, which follows the longest term.

## Financial Implications

14. None

## Performance Issues

15. None

## Environmental Impact

16. None

## Risk Implications

17. Risk included on Directorate risk register? No

Separate risk register in place? No

## Equalities Implications

18. An Equalities Impact Assessment was not completed. The Standard School Year is prepared and agreed by the Local Government Association and meets statutory requirements. The Harrow model is based partly on this and applies the Harrow Principles agreed by EdCF. EdCF has also agreed that Governing Bodies are able to adopt up to 3 occasional days to reflect community and faith needs. If these days are adopted then the school year 2011/12 will be 197 days.

## Corporate Priorities

19. Not applicable because it is a statutory duty for the local authority to agree the dates of terms and holidays.

## Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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| Name: | Emma Stabler | $\boxed{V}$ | on behalf of the <br> Chief Financial Officer |
| Date: | 30 June 2010 |  |  |
|  |  |  |  |
| Name: | George Curran | $\sqrt{ }$ | on behalf of the <br> Monitoring Officer |
| Date: | 29 June 2010 |  |  |

## Section 4 - Performance Officer Clearance

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| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Name: | David Harrington | $\boxed{V}$ |
| Date: | 29 June 2010 |  |
|  |  | on behalf of the <br> Divisional Director <br> Partnership, <br> Development and <br> Performance |

## Section 5 - Environmental Impact Officer

## Clearance

|  |  |  | on behalf of the |
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| Name: | Andrew Baker | $\boxed{ }$ | Divisional Director <br> (Environmental |
| Date: | 30 June 2010 |  | Services) |

## Section 6 - Contact Details and Background Papers

## Contact:

Johanna Morgan, Head of School Organisation Strategy, 02087366841.

## Background Papers:

Letter to the Education Consultative Forum dated 25 March 2010.

Position Director of Schools, Quality Assurance sand Commissioning

Name (print) Heather Clements
Date: 30 June 2010

## For Portfolio Holder/Leader

* I do agree to the decision proposed
* I do not agree to the decision proposed
* Please delete as appropriate

Notification of personal interests (if any):
(Note: if you have a prejudicial interest you should not take this decision)
Additional comments made by and/or options considered by the Portfolio Holder

Signature:

> Portfolio Holder

Date:

Call-In Waived by the

## Annexe A - Portfolio Holder Decision Report School Term Dates Academic Year 2011-2012

## Recommended School Term Dates 2011-2012

|  | Harrow <br> Proposed school term and holiday dates for the Academic Year 2011/2012 |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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Summary of Recommended School Term Dates 2011-2012

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Governing bodies may agree to adopt up to 3 occasional days. If 3 occasional days are adopted then the school year will be 197 days for 2011-12.

## Annexe B - Portfolio Holder Decision Report School Term Dates Academic Year 2011-2012

## Alternative models considered by EdCF

## Harrow Proposed Model A



Summary of Harrow Proposed Model A

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Bank and Public Holidays 2011/2012

| Christmas Day Holiday | 26 December 2011 |
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| Boxing Day Holiday | 27 December 2011 |
| New Year's Day Holiday | 2 January 2012 |
| Good Friday | 6 April 2012 |
|  |  |
| School Holidays $\square$ |  |
| * First school day after break |  |


| Easter Monday | 9 April 2012 |
| :--- | :--- |
| May Day Holiday | 7 May 2012 |
| Spring Bank Holiday | 4 June 2012 |
| Diamond Jubilee Bank Holiday 5 June 2012 |  |
| Summer Bank Holiday | 27 August 2012 |
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| Bank holidays and national holidays |  |
| \# Last school day before break |  |

Summary of LGA Standard School Year

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## EDUCATION CONSULTATIVE FORUM MINUTES

## 28 JUNE 2010

| Chairman: | * Councillor Brian Gate |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Councillors: | * Husain Akhtar | * Janet Mote |  |
|  | * Mrs Camilla Bath | * Raj Ray |  |
|  | * Zarina Khalid (3) | * Krishna Suresh |  |
|  |  |  | Ms J Howkins |

* Denotes Member present
(3) Denote category of Reserve Members
$\dagger$ Denotes apologies received

160. SCHOOL TERM DATES ACADEMIC YEAR 2011/12

The Forum received a report of the Director of Schools, Quality Assurance and Commissioning, which set out proposed School Term Dates for the academic year 2011/12.

Two models had been proposed to members of the Forum. Model A was in line with the Local Government Authority Standard School Year and Model B, which was the preferred option, was compliant with the 'Harrow Principles'. Under Model B, the school term would begin on 1 September 2011 and there would be an extra day's holiday after Christmas, with the Summer term ending on 23 July 2012.

A member of the Forum requested that officers keep neighbouring boroughs informed of Harrow's School Term Dates for 2011/12.

Resolved to RECOMMEND: (to the Leader of the Council)
That Harrow Model B School Term Dates be adopted for 2011/12.
Reason for Recommendation: To fulfil statutory responsibility to agree School Term Dates and inform schools prior to the end of the summer term.

