

Meeting:	Education Consultative Forum
Date:	11 September 2008
Subject:	School Term Dates 2010 - 2011
Key Decision: (Executive-side only)	No
Responsible Officer:	Director of Schools & Child Development - Heather Clements
Portfolio Holder:	Portfolio Holder for Schools & Child Development - Councillor Anjana Patel
Exempt:	No
Enclosures:	Annexe A – Harrow Options for Consideration Annexe B – Draft Hampshire Model

Section 1 – Summary and Recommendations

This report presents a Harrow proposal for school term dates for 2010 – 2011 in line with the model provided by the Local Government Association (LGA).

Recommendations:

1. The Forum consider the models provided and consult with their constituent groups
2. Provide feedback to Director by 4 December 2008
3. Receive a report at their meeting in January 2009 to make a recommendation to the portfolio holder for the adoption of school term dates for 2010-2011.

Reason: (For recommendation)

To fulfil the council's requirement to determine the school term dates for 2010 – 2011.

Section 2 – Report

2.1 Background

The Education Consultative Forum annually agrees the term dates for each school year.

At their meeting in September models available are circulated to the Forum for consideration with their constituent groups.

2.2 Main Option

Two models are provided for consideration in the Annexes:

- A model for Harrow School Term dates
- A draft Hampshire model

If neighbouring local authorities dates are made available during the period for consultation these will be circulated to members of the Education Consultative Forum.

The LGA model will also be circulated when available.

2.3 Staffing/Workforce

Not applicable to this report

2.4 Equality Impact considerations

The Harrow agreed principles were developed following consultation with schools, governors, parents and other partners and takes account of the needs of Harrow's diverse community.

Harrow sets term dates of 195 school days each year and schools/governing bodies have the flexibility to set the 190 pupil contact days within this framework to meet the needs of each school's community.

2.5 Resources, costs and risks

Not applicable to this report

2.6 Legal Implications

Under section 32 of the Education Act 2002, in respect of community schools, the Local Authority shall determine the dates when school terms and holidays are to begin and end, and the Governing Body shall determine the times of the school sessions.

For voluntary aided schools, foundation or foundation special schools the responsibility for determination of school dates and times of school sessions all rest with the Governing Body.

2.7 Financial Implications

None.

2.8 Performance Issues

Not applicable to this report

Section 3 - Statutory Officer Clearance

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Section 4 - Contact Details and Background Papers

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Background Papers: None

If appropriate, does the report include the following considerations?

1.	Consultation	Yes
2.	Corporate Priorities	N/A

Annexe A

OPTIONS FOR SCHOOL TERM DATES 2010/11 PROPOSED BY HARROW COUNCIL

Terms	Proposed Model 10/11	Option	Difference
1	Wed 1 Sep – Fri 22 Oct (38 days)	Wed 1 Sep – Fri 22 Oct (38 days)	
HT	Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct	Mon 25 – Fri 29 Oct	
2	Mon 1 Nov – Fri 17 Dec (35 days)	Mon 1 Nov – Fri 17 Dec (35 days)	
3	Tue 4 Jan – Fri 11 Feb (29 days)	Tue 4 Jan – Fri 11 Feb (29 days)	
HT	Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb	Mon 14 Feb – Fri 18 Feb	
4	Mon 21 Feb – Fri 1 April (30 days)	Mon 21 Feb – Fri 8 April (35 days)	+ 5
5	Mon 18 April – Fri 27 May (27 days)	Tue 26 April – Fri 27 May (23 days)	- 4
HT	Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June	Mon 30 May – Fri 3 June	
6	Mon 6 June – Mon 25 July (36 days)	Mon 6 June – Fri 22 July (35 days)	- 1
TOTAL	195	195	

Harrow Agreed Principles:

- The school year to be set with 195 days, incorporating 5 development days;
- Schools to determine the 5 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 spring/Easter;
- A one week break in February and May/June;
- A summer break of 5-6 weeks (not more than 6 weeks).

Annexe B

Draft Hampshire Model

195 DAYS

DRAFT FOR DISCUSSION

HAMPSHIRE																			
Possible programme of school term and holiday dates for county and controlled schools for the academic year 2010/2011 – for discussion																			
The School Year																			
Autumn Term 2010																			
	September (38 days)				October				November (35 days)				December						
Monday	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25	*1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27		
Tuesday	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28		
Wednesday	*1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	
Thursday	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	
Friday	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22#	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17#	24	31	
Saturday	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25		
Sunday	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26		
Spring Term 2011																			
	January (29 days)				February				March (30 days)				April						
Monday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	*21	28	7	14	21	28	4	11	*18	25		
Tuesday	*4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26		
Wednesday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27		
Thursday	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28		
Friday	7	14	21	28	4	11#	18	25	4	11	18	25	1#	8	15	22	28		
Saturday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
Sunday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24		
Summer Term 2011																			
	May (27 days)				June (36 days)				July				August/September						
Monday	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	4	11	18	25#	1	8	15	22	29	
Tuesday	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	
Wednesday	4	11	18	25	1	8	15	22	29	6	13	20	27	3	10	17	24	31	
Thursday	5	12	19	26	2	9	16	23	30	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	1	
Friday	6	13	20	27#	3	10	17	24	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	2	
Saturday	7	14	21	28	4	11	18	25	2	9	16	23	30	6	13	20	27	3	
Sunday	1	8	15	22	29	5	12	19	26	3	10	17	24	31	7	14	21	28	4
Bank and public holidays 2010/2011																			
Christmas Day Holiday					27 December					Easter Monday	25 April								
Boxing Day Holiday					28 December					May Day Holiday	2 May								
New Year's Day Holiday					3 January					Spring Bank Holiday	30 May								
Good Friday					22 April					Summer Bank Holiday	29 August								
					School Holidays														
* First day after break					# Last day before break					Bank holidays and national holidays									