

CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

AGENDA



Tuesday 16 November 2021

at 4.00pm

**in the Council Chamber,
Civic Centre, Hartlepool.**

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MEMBERS: CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

Councillors, Boddy, Fleming, Groves, Harrison, Lindridge, Moore and vacancy.

Co-opted Members: Jo Heaton, C of E Diocese and Joanne Wilson, RC Diocese representatives.

School Heads Representatives: Mark Tilling (Secondary), David Turner (Primary), Zoe Westley (Special).

Six Young Peoples Representatives

Observer: Councillor Fleming, Chair of Adult and Community Based Services Committee

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
- 2. TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST BY MEMBERS**



3. MINUTES

- 3.1 Minutes of the meeting held on 12 October 2021 (*previously circulated and published*).

4. BUDGET AND POLICY FRAMEWORK ITEMS

No items

5. KEY DECISIONS

- 5.1 Dedicated Schools Grant (Former Education Services Grant Rate per Pupil) – Disapplication Request – *Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services and Director of Resources and Development*

6. OTHER ITEMS REQUIRING DECISION

- 6.1 Approval of Term and Holiday Dates 2022-23 – *Director of Children’s and Joint Commissioning Services*

7. ITEMS FOR INFORMATION

No items

8. ANY OTHER BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR CONSIDERS URGENT

FOR INFORMATION

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18 January 2022 at 4.00 pm



CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

16 November 2021



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services
and Director of Resources and Development

Subject: Dedicated Schools Grant (former Education Services
Grant rate per pupil) – Disapplication request

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Key tests (i) and (ii) applies. The Forward Plan reference is CJCS 116/21.

2. PURPOSES OF REPORT

2.1 To inform members of the outcome of Schools' Forum held on the 19 October 2021 and their decision in relation to the 2022/23 Education Services General Duties Rates.

2.2 To agree that the local authority should present a disapplication request to the Secretary of State in order to ensure that the local authority can discharge its statutory responsibilities.

3. CONSIDERATION OF ISSUES

3.1 New national funding arrangements introduced in 2017/18 shifted responsibility for funding statutory duties from a specific grant to the Dedicated Schools Grant. The government provided no additional funding to schools to cover this cost shift. Members will recall that since 2017/18 the Council has had to apply for disapplication, in order to secure this funding.

3.2 For the financial year 2022/23 the local authority proposed a rate of £60 per pupil. The rate is unchanged from 2018/19, which means the rate will have remained unchanged for five years.

3.3 Schools' Forum considered this proposal and did not agree to transfer the funding to the local authority. Schools were clear that it was **not** because of concerns about the quality of services provided by the local authority, but they

considered that funding statutory duties from school budgets is a budget cut and this funding should be provided by the government. Regulations state that if agreement cannot be reached with maintained schools the matter would need referring to the Secretary of State for a decision.

- 3.4 This has been the consistent view of Schools' Forum for the past five financial years – from 2017/18 to 2021/22 inclusive. In each of these financial years, the local authority has successfully applied to the Secretary of State for disapplication of the Regulations. This means that the local authority is able to remove the required element of funding to ensure that statutory responsibilities are discharged.

4. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 In relation to the 2022/23 rate, should the Secretary of State not agree to the request of £60 per pupil/place, the local authority would not have enough funding to discharge essential statutory services to schools. This is considered low risk as applications by the Council have been approved for the previous five financial years.

5. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 If the Secretary of State does not agree to the request of £60 per pupil/place, the local authority would not have enough funding to discharge essential statutory services to schools.

6. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 6.1 The Schools Revenue Funding 2022 to 2023 Operational Guide states that local authorities should set a single rate for the Education Services General Duties for 5 to 16 year olds. Local authorities may choose to establish differential rates for Special Schools and Pupil Referral Units.

7. CONSULTATION

- 7.1 At its meeting of the 19 October 2021, the maintained schools members of Schools' Forum were consulted on the rate of £60 per pupil/place.

8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

- 8.1 There are no specific child and family poverty considerations.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 There are no specific equality and diversity considerations.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 There are no staff considerations.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

11.1 There are no asset management considerations.

12. CONCLUSIONS

12.1 The maintained schools members of Schools' Forum at the meeting on 19 October 2021 did not agree to the transfer of £60 per pupil/place to the local authority for the provision of statutory duties. Regulations state that if agreement could not be reached with maintained schools, the matter would need referring to the Secretary of State for a decision.

12.2 Based on the decision made by the Secretary of State in relation to the 2017/18, 2018/19, 2019/20, 2020/21 and 2021/22 ESG rates, the Council has demonstrated the case for the funding required to discharge statutory responsibilities. Therefore, this provides a good basis for seeking approval for the 2022/23 rates, which it is proposed is maintained at £60 for the fifth consecutive year.

13. RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 It is recommended that Members:

- a) Agree the 2022/23 funding rate at £60 per pupil/place.
- b) Agree to submit the disapplication request to the Secretary of State to set the Education Services General Duties rate at £60 per pupil/place for 2022/23.
- c) Note this will be the sixth consecutive year the local authority has applied for disapplication and that the previous five applications have been successful.

14. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

14.1 Without this element of funding the local authority would not be able to discharge some of its statutory responsibilities in respect of schools.

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CHILDREN'S SERVICES COMMITTEE

16th November 2021



Report of: Director of Children's and Joint Commissioning Services

Subject: APPROVAL OF TERM AND HOLIDAY DATES 2022-23

1. TYPE OF DECISION/APPLICABLE CATEGORY

1.1 Non key

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

2.1 To seek agreement of the Children's Services Committee to the pattern of school term and holiday dates for the school year 2022-23 for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools.

2.2 To seek agreement of the Children's Services Committee in recommending these dates to governing bodies of Aided and Foundation schools and academies in Hartlepool.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 As the local authority (LA), the Council has the responsibility for setting the school term and holiday dates for Community and Voluntary Controlled schools in Hartlepool. Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools' governing bodies and academies are responsible for setting their own school holiday pattern within the agreed national framework of working days. Traditionally the LA and the governing bodies of all of the Voluntary Aided and Foundation schools work together to ensure a consistent pattern across the town in respect of school term and holiday dates, though in the case of Roman Catholic academies in particular, some variation does occur.

3.2 Five PD days are provided for in the teachers' conditions of service and can be taken in combinations of part-day "twilight" sessions at the direction of individual schools. The pattern proposed for 2022-23 provides for an "envelope" of 195 days.

- 3.3 Local authorities for a number of years have tried with some success to agree a unified calendar of term dates across the northern region from Yorkshire to Northumberland based on guiding principles agreed by the regional group in 2012-13.

4. PROPOSALS

- 4.1 In the late spring term the Tees Valley region consulted on a pattern for school term and holiday dates 2022-23 based on the guiding principles within their own authorities and regional authorities as shown in **Appendix 1**. The proposed pattern enables schools to begin the academic year on Thursday 1st September 2022 and end the year on Thursday 20th July 2023.
- 4.2 Arrangements were made to consult all head teachers in Hartlepool, Unions and neighboring local authorities on the year pattern for 2022-23. During the consultation on a further pattern for 2022-23 was proposed by head teachers who responded to the consultation as shown in **Appendix 2**. The pattern enables schools to begin the academic year on Friday 2nd September 2022. Schools are likely to take this day as a professional development day, and children will have a full six week holiday prior to a return to school on Monday 5th September 2022. The Christmas break will begin on 21st December 2022 with return to school on 4th January 2023. The academic year will end on Friday 21st July, 2023, accommodating a transition fortnight, should one go ahead at the end of the summer term 2023.
- 4.3 On completion of the local consultation in the region and within Tees Valley, Darlington and Stockton have agreed a similar pattern. Their schools will return on Thursday 1st September 2022. Schools are likely to take one or both days as professional development days and children return to school on Monday 5th September, begin the Christmas break on 21st December 2022 and return to school on 4th January 2023. The academic year will end on Thursday 20th July 2023. Middlesbrough will begin their academic year on Thursday 1st September 2022, their Christmas break will begin on 16th December 2022 with a return to school on Tuesday 3rd January 2023. The academic year will end on Friday 21st July 2022. Redcar and Cleveland term dates for 2022-23 are not available at this time.
- 4.4 Across the region for the school year 2022-23, Sunderland, South Tyneside and Durham County Council have agreed a similar pattern for the school year 2022-23, with the academic year beginning on Monday 5th September 2022 and the academic year ending on Friday 21st July 2023 although their Christmas break will begin on Friday 23rd December 2022 and schools return on Monday 9th January 2023.

5. RISK IMPLICATIONS

- 5.1 None

6. FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 None.

7. LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

7.1 None.

8. CHILD AND FAMILY POVERTY CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 None.

9. EQUALITY AND DIVERSITY CONSIDERATIONS

9.1 None.

10. STAFF CONSIDERATIONS

10.1 None.

11. ASSET MANAGEMENT CONSIDERATIONS

11.1 None.

12. RECOMMENDATIONS

12.1 To approve the scheduled term dates and holiday dates for 2022-23 for Community and Voluntary Controlled Schools as set out in **Appendix 2**.

12.2 To recommend the schedule of term and holiday dates for 2022-23 to governing bodies of all Voluntary Aided and Foundation Schools and academies in Hartlepool.

13. REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

13.1 The schedule of term dates and holiday dates will provide the best opportunity for maintaining continuity of education allowing for children to have a full six week holiday at the end of the academic year 2021-22 and allow for a transition fortnight, should one go ahead at the end of the academic year 2022-23.

13.2 The pattern of school holidays for 2022-23 will achieve common term dates across the north east based on guiding principles enabling continuity for parents, carers, other schools, local authority staff and other agencies.

14. BACKGROUND PAPERS

14.1 None

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HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL TERM DATES 2022-2023 APPENDIX 1

| | AUGUST 2022 | SEPTEMBER 2022 | OCTOBER 2022 | NOVEMBER 2022 | DECEMBER 2022 | JANUARY 2023 |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Monday | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 |
| Tuesday | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 31 |
| Wednesday | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 |
| Thursday | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 |
| Friday | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 |
| Saturday | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 |
| Sunday | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 |
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| | FEBRUARY 2023 | MARCH 2023 | APRIL 2023 | MAY 2023 | JUNE 2023 | JULY 2023 |
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| Monday | 6 13 20 27 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 |
| Tuesday | 7 14 21 28 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 |
| Wednesday | 1 8 15 22 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 |
| Thursday | 2 9 16 23 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 |
| Friday | 3 10 17 24 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 |
| Saturday | 4 11 18 25 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 |
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The number of term days shown is 195. Up to five of these will be used as professional development days for teaching staff, pupils will not attend these days. Each school determines when these take place and will inform parents.

HARTLEPOOL BOROUGH COUNCIL TERM DATES 2022-2023

APPENDIX 2

| | AUGUST 2022 | SEPTEMBER 2022 | OCTOBER 2022 | NOVEMBER 2022 | DECEMBER 2022 | JANUARY 2023 |
|-----------|---------------|----------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| Monday | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 |
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| Wednesday | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 |
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| Friday | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 |
| Saturday | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 |
| Sunday | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 |
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| Monday | 6 13 20 27 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 |
| Tuesday | 7 14 21 28 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 |
| Wednesday | 1 8 15 22 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 5 12 19 26 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 |
| Thursday | 2 9 16 23 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 6 13 20 27 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 |
| Friday | 3 10 17 24 | 3 10 17 24 31 | 7 14 21 28 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 |
| Saturday | 4 11 18 25 | 4 11 18 25 | 1 8 15 22 29 | 6 13 20 27 | 3 10 17 24 | 1 8 15 22 29 |
| Sunday | 5 12 19 26 | 5 12 19 26 | 2 9 16 23 30 | 7 14 21 28 | 4 11 18 25 | 2 9 16 23 30 |
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