

ANGUS COUNCIL

EDUCATION COMMITTEE

24 APRIL 2001

GOLDEN JUBILEE BANK HOLIDAY – MONDAY 3 JUNE 2002

REPORT BY THE DIRECTOR OF EDUCATION

**ABSTRACT**

This report recommends that the Council should seek approval from the Scottish Executive to declare a one-day holiday for schools on the additional Bank Holiday in June 2002 now approved by the government.

**1 RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Council should formally apply to Scottish Ministers for a reduction in the 2001/2002 school year to 189 days in order to enable schools in Angus to observe the additional Bank Holiday which has been announced for Monday 3 June 2002 to mark the Golden Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth.

**2 BACKGROUND**

- 2.1 It is understood that, in the course of 2000, a Ministerial Committee recommended to the Privy Council that the Queen's Golden Jubilee in 2002 might be marked by a special Bank Holiday being declared for Monday 3 June 2002.
- 2.2 On 26 September 2000 the Scottish Executive Education Department wrote to all Directors of Education about the implications of the Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday arrangements for the length of the 2001-2002 school year.
- 2.3 The advice from the Scottish Executive is that if schools wish to observe the additional Bank Holiday on Monday 3 June 2002, a request for a reduction in the 2001-2002 school year to 189 days should be submitted. Such requests are to stipulate that the grounds for application are to enable school staff and pupils to benefit from the additional Golden Jubilee Bank Holiday. The Scottish Executive go on to advise that should education authorities decide that their schools should be open on Monday 3 June 2002, the 190-day rule will still apply and applications for a reduction in the length of the school year will not be accepted.
- 2.4 Informal soundings suggest that already a number of Councils have sought and obtained permission to declare Monday 3 June 2002 a school holiday.

**3 PROPOSALS**

- 3.1 In all the circumstances, it is proposed that Angus Council should seek to mark Monday 3 June 2002 as a school holiday.

#### **4 HUMAN RIGHTS**

4.1 There are no Human Rights implications arising from consideration of this report.

#### **5 CONSULTATION**

5.1 In accordance with the Standing Orders of the Council, this Report has been the subject of consultation with the Chief Executive, the Director of Finance and the Director of Law & Administration. The Director of Personnel has also been consulted.

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No background papers, as defined by Section 50D of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 (other than any containing confidential or exempt information) were relied on to any material extent in preparing the above report.

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