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To: Members of Cabinet Member - Education

Monday, 26 July 2021

Dear Councillor,

Please attend a meeting of the **Cabinet Member - Education** to be held at **11.00 am** on **Tuesday, 3 August 2021** in The Members Room, County Hall, Matlock, DE4 3AG, the agenda for which is set out below.

Yours faithfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Helen E. Barrington'.

Helen Barrington
Director of Legal and Democratic Services

A G E N D A

PART I - NON-EXEMPT ITEMS

1. Declarations of Interest

 To receive declarations of interest (if any)

2. Minutes

 To confirm the non-exempt minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member -
 Education held on 6 July 2021

3. To consider the report of the Executive Director Children's Services on

Confirmation of Nominations of School Governors

4. To consider the Joint report of the Executive Director of Children's Services and the Executive Director Place on Dedication of Land in Children's Services Portfolio as Public Right of Way
5. To consider the Joint report of the Executive Director of Children's Services and the Director of Finance and ICT on School Budgets: Deficit Balances and Recovery Plans bringing Budgets into Balance over more than one financial year
6. To consider the report of the Executive Director of Children's Services on School Term Dates 2021-22

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Agenda Item 2

MINUTES of a meeting of the **CABINET MEMBER – EDUCATION** held on 6 July 2021.

PRESENT

Leader of the Council - Councillor B Lewis

Also in attendance – Councillors R George, N Gourlay, J Patten and G Hickton.

Apologies for absence were submitted on behalf of Councillor A Dale

04/21 **MINUTES** **RESOLVED** to confirm that the minutes of the meeting of the Cabinet Member for Education held on 8 June 2021.

05/21 **CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS**

The Cabinet member had been asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors.

Nominations to school governing boards were proposed as set out below:

Any appointments made by governing boards would be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form, a proof of identity check and an enhanced DBS check

Name	School	Nominating Councillor	Appointment
Amber Valley A Hopkin	Ambergate Primary School	T Ainsworth	New appointment
Derbyshire Dales R Nuttall	Eyam Primary School Primary School	J Twigg	New appointment
Derbyshire Dales S Watson	Morley Primary School	D Murphy	Re -appointment
Erewash B Bignall	Grange Primary School	A Griffiths	Re-appointment
Erewash S Haydon	Larklands Infant & Nursery School	J Frudd	New appointment
High Peak P Gyongyosi	Harpur Hill Primary	L Grooby	New Appointment

RESOLVED that to confirm the nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors as detailed in the report

06/21 CHILDRENS SERVICES PERFORMANCE & REVENUE OUTTURN

2020-21 The Cabinet Member was provided with an update of the Council Plan performance position and the revenue outturn position of the Education and Children's Services & Safeguarding and Education Portfolios (formerly Young People) portfolio for 2020/21

The report presented both financial and Council Plan performance data. The performance summary set out progress on the Council Plan deliverables and measures led by the Education and Children's Services & Safeguarding portfolios. The remainder of the report gave a summary and detail on the revenue outturn position for the portfolios.

As an overview, the report showed that progress was "good" for the majority of the Council Plan deliverables led by the portfolios, however the deliverables "Review care and support offer" and "Schools which were 'Good' or 'Outstanding'" had been flagged as "requiring review". After the use of additional Covid-19 funding and the release of £0.204m of reserves which had no further commitments against them, the outturn position for 2020-21 was an overspend of £3.388m. It was calculated that £1.215m of savings had been achieved by the year end. This compares to target savings of £3.179m and the value of savings initiatives, which had been identified for implementation in the current year, of £2.350m.

Key variances included Placements for Children in Care/Unable to remain at home (overspend £7.875m); Children's Safeguarding services (underspend £0.014m); Early Help and Preventative services (underspend £2.336m); Home to School Transport (overspend £1.707m); Education Support services (underspend £0.655m); Pensions payable to former teachers and other staff (overspend £0.321m); and Unallocated budget (underspend £3.189m). These figures include all additional costs incurred due to Covid-19 and the funding provided to cover those costs. Identified Covid-19 costs and their funding sources were detailed in the report.

Budget reduction targets totalling £2.350m were allocated for the year. Further reductions allocated in prior years, totalling £0.829m, had not been achieved and were brought forward to 2020-21. This resulted in the total reduction targets to be achieved at the start of the year of £3.179m. The value of the savings initiatives which have been identified for implementation in the current year is £2.350m.

Growth items and one off funding in the 2020-21 budget included Social Worker recruitment (£1.300m ongoing, £1.300m one-off); Placement demand Pressures (£11.000m ongoing); Home to School Transport SEN (£1.000 ongoing; £0.971m one-off); SEND assessment and planning (£0.600m ongoing); Increase in

Special Guardianship placements (£0.336m ongoing); Foster Carers (£0.100m ongoing); Care Leavers (£0.498m one-off); Child Protection (£0.500m ongoing); Children in Care Legal Proceedings (£1.100m one-off); Support to Achieving Great Futures (£0.108m one-off); Preventative Support to Families (£1.000m one-off); Elective Home Education (£0.207m one-off); Service Transformation (£0.438m one-off); and Quality Assurance SEND & Fostering (£0.214m one-off).

Details of the earmarked reserves totalling £6.912m and the debt position were also reported.

In terms of performance, details were given in the report on Council Plan deliverables and Key Measures in terms of a focus on prevention and early intervention and High Performing Council Services, with specific reference being made to the fact that 90% of Children's Homes were now rated as good or outstanding and the continued drive to making improvements in the delivery of children's social care.

Members present made a number of comments and asked questions which were duly noted or answered by officers.

RESOLVED to note the report.

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

3 August 2021

Report of Executive Director for Children's Services

CONFIRMATION OF NOMINATIONS OF SCHOOL GOVERNORS

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County wide

2. Key Decision

2.1 No.

3. Purpose

3.1 To ask the Cabinet member to confirm the nominations of persons to serve as local authority school governors.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Nominations to school governing boards are proposed as set out in Appendix 2 below.

The Cabinet member is asked to confirm the nominations of persons to serve on the governing boards of these schools.

Any appointments made by governing boards will be subject to the completion of a Declaration of Eligibility form, a proof of identity check and an enhanced DBS check

5. Consultation

5.1 Nominations have been considered in accordance with the normal criteria.

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 No alternative nominations have been made.

7. Implications

7.1 The Authority is required to ensure that it has sufficient representation on Governing Bodies.

8. Background Papers

8.1 None identified.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 Implications.

9.2 Appendix 2 - schedule of nominations submitted for approval.

10. Recommendation(s)

That Cabinet Member confirm:

a) The nominations for persons to serve as local authority governors as set out in Appendix 2

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

11.1 To ensure that the Local Authority meets its LA Governors obligations.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call-in period?

12.1 No

**Jane Parfremment
Executive Director for Children's Services**

Implications

Financial

1.1 None directly arising from this report

Legal

2.1 None directly arising from this report

Human Resources

3.1 None directly arising from this report

Information Technology

4.1 None directly arising from this report

Equalities Impact

5.1 No equality impact assessment has been prepared.

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 None directly arising from this report

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None directly arising from this report

Appendix 2

Name	School	Nominating Councillor	Appointment
Amber Valley F Atkinson	Belper School & 6 th Form	J Nelson	Re- appointment
Chesterfield A Downing	Hady Primary School	L Ramsey	Re- appointment
North East M Fairclough	Ridgeway Primary School	C Renwick	Re- appointment

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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

MEETING OF CABINET MEMBER – EDUCATION

3 August 2021

Joint Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services
and the Executive Director – Place

**Dedication of Land in Children's Services Portfolio as a Public Right of
Way**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 Bolsover North

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 To seek approval from the Cabinet Member to dedicate land, held under the portfolio of Children's Services, as a public footpath with concessionary rights for cyclists.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Derbyshire County Council acquired the Clowne Branch Line in 2014 and has subsequently carried out a project to remove dereliction, regenerate a wildlife corridor and provide approximately 5 miles of traffic free highway between Seymour and Creswell. This route, known as the Clowne Greenway, forms a section of Derbyshire's Key Cycle Network. It is now available for use and has proven highly popular with all users.

- 4.2 The eastern end of the route issues from the former branch line through a housing development off Skinner Street in Creswell, recently under construction by AVANT Homes. The internal path structure within this housing site provides a connection to the Clowne Greenway. A Section 106 agreement was also secured through the Bolsover District Council's Planning Department to include a financial contribution towards the development of a further off-site link path to allow access directly to the village centre and the Creswell railway station. Without this link, the route to the railway station is significantly increased by road and pavement by way of Skinner Street and Elmton Road.
- 4.3 In the interests of promoting Active Travel through walking and cycling, and in line with current Government policy, a short path between the Greenway and the railway station would provide a joined-up approach to promote car free journeys.
- 4.4 The land is included in the portfolio of Children's Services and provides a more direct connection to the station. The corridor is in two parts, the first part forming Gypsy Lane carriageway and footway, which is currently used as the main entrance to the Infant School. However, a new entrance to the school is being designed to connect directly from the new estate road within the housing site. The second part is a grass and stoned surface, allowing access for grounds maintenance vehicles. The intended works will form a bound surfaced track with a stoned edging to minimise onward maintenance costs.
- 4.5 The public footpath to be dedicated is shown on the attached plan (ref: ER/GM/Gypsy Lane FP/Ctte2021) by a bold dashed line between points A, B and C, an approximate distance of 255 metres. Between points A-B, the footpath follows the tarmacadamed school access road and pavement with an overall width which varies between 4.5 metres and 6.5 metres. Between points B and C, the new footpath will have an overall width of 6.0 metres and be provided with a tarmacadam surface to a width of 3.0 metres.
- 4.6 Once the public footpath has been dedicated, a statutory consultation process will be undertaken for a Cycle Track Order to be made to establish the legal rights for cyclists to use the route, as well as pedestrians.
- 4.7 Officers from Children's Services, Rights of Way, Highways and Legal Services have been consulted on this project and agreement has been reached by all parties to pursue this course of action.

4.8 Council Commitments

The dedication of this land, as public highway, links to the Council's pledges to provide a well-connected County and promote Active Travel and Healthy Lifestyles (as the route will be for walking and cycling and provides a link to the Creswell railway station) and a safer Derbyshire (as the route will be traffic free).

- 4.9 The dedication and delivery of this route also aligns with the Council's commitment to the Derbyshire Cycling Plan and the resulting Key Cycle Network.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 No further consultation is required in respect of the dedication of land as a public footpath with concessionary rights for cyclists.

- 5.2 There is a statutory consultation process to follow in subsequently promoting an order under Section 3 of the Cycle Track Act 1984 to convert the footpath into a cycle track. However, this is considered to be beyond the scope of this report.

6. Alternative Options Considered

- 6.1 Do Nothing – this alternative option would mean that the opportunity to provide a more direct and safer off-road link for pedestrians and cyclists from the end of Clowne Greenway and the adjacent residential areas/new housing development through to Creswell railway station and the village centre would be lost. The Section 106 monies, which have been secured by Bolsover District Council for surfacing the unbound section of the route and providing a new security boundary fence for the school, may also have to be returned to the developer.

- 6.2 Do Something Different - an alternative option would be not to proceed with dedication of the land as a public footpath, but to allow pedestrians and cyclists to use the route on a purely concessionary basis. This means that a legal right of way would not be established over the route in perpetuity and could be an issue if land ownership changes at some future point in time. As a concessionary route, responsibility for the ongoing maintenance of its surface would remain with Children's Services, rather than becoming the responsibility of the Place Department. It is considered to be more appropriate that a route which will be of significant benefit to local people should be maintained as part of the public highway network.

- 6.3 Another alternative would be to dedicate the land as a public footpath but not to allow concessionary rights for cyclists. This may reduce the incentive for more sustainable/active travel, as people cycling to the railway station from the end of Clowne Greenway would have to use a less direct route via Skinner Street and Elmton Road. This is not considered to be as safe or attractive to use, particularly for less confident cyclists or those with young families.

7. Implications

- 7.1 Appendix 1 sets out the relevant implications considered in the preparation of the report.

8. Background Papers

- 8.1 None identified.

9. Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.
9.2 Appendix 2 - Plan Ref: ER/GM/Gypsy Lane FP/Ctte2021

10. Recommendation(s)

That the Cabinet Member:

- a) approves the dedication of land, as shown on the attached plan, as a public right of way carrying the status of public footpath with concessionary rights for cycling.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 This approach has been recommended as it will create a route with confirmed rights for the public to use it on foot in perpetuity, as well as enabling it to be subsequently converted into a cycle track. It will also clarify responsibility for its future maintenance as part of the County's network of publicly maintainable highways.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

- 12.1 No.

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This report has been approved by the following officers:

<p>On behalf of:</p> <p>Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Director of Finance and ICT Managing Executive Director Executive Director(s)</p>	
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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The path connects directly to a new housing development site off Skinner Street in Creswell. The Bolsover District Council Planning Office secured an index linked contribution for the construction of this path through a Section 106 agreement. Bolsover District Council has now received the sum of £30,463.68 from the developer for these works and awaits instruction to transfer the sum to an appropriate budget. Approval is sought to undertake this instruction and add this work to the Capital Programme, generating a cost code for the expenditure. The works can be instructed on approval. It is thought that this provides sufficient funds to complete the necessary works which include surfacing that part of the route that is unbound and providing a new security boundary fence to the adjoining part of the school grounds.
- 1.2 It is intended that the full width and length of this land will be dedicated as a public footpath, initially with concessionary cycle rights, but subsequently converted into a cycle track, in order that future maintenance of its surface will become the responsibility of the Place Department in perpetuity. Ownership of the subsoil remains with Children's Services who will be responsible for maintaining the new security boundary fence.
- 1.3 The costs of any future maintenance of the path surface will be met from Highways maintenance budgets. There will also be costs associated with the promotion of a Cycle Track Order in Officer time and advertising the Order which will be met from the existing project budget.

Legal

- 2.1 Any person or organisation with the freehold interest in land can give the public the right to use a route by expressly dedicating it as a public right of way. Certain conditions must be met in order that a right of way can come into existence by express dedication and be added to the Definitive Map and Statement:
 - a) It must be shown that the landowner intended to dedicate the route - this can be achieved by Cabinet Member approvals and subsequent publication of the minutes
 - b) The dedication must be accepted by the public ie the route must come into actual use – this can be achieved once it has been surfaced and made available for people to use.

There is no provision to expressly dedicate a right of way for use both on foot and pedal cycle. It will therefore be necessary for the County Council to subsequently use its powers under Section 3 of the Cycle Tracks Act 1984 to make an Order converting the footpath into a cycle track. This has the effect

of removing it from the Definitive Map and Statement and adding it to the County Council's List of Streets as a publicly maintainable highway.

Human Resources

3.1 N/A

Information Technology

4.1 N/A

Equalities Impact

5.1 N/A

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 The dedication and delivery of this route aligns with the Council's commitment to the Derbyshire Cycling Plan and the resulting Key Cycle Network which was approved by Cabinet on 16 January 2020.

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1



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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

3 AUGUST 2021

**Joint Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services
and the Director of Finance & ICT**

**School budgets: deficit balances and recovery plans bringing budgets
into balance over more than one financial year**

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 Not applicable

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision

3. Purpose

3.1 To seek approval to requests from governing bodies of schools with budget deficits to implement budget plans in order to repay the deficits over more than one year, and to report on the schools which have still to agree a deficit recovery plan.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 Section 4.9 of "The Derbyshire Scheme for Financing Schools" provides that a governing body unable to prepare a balanced budget may make a formal request to the Cabinet Member for Education to implement a plan to bring school's budget into balance over more than one year. Cabinet Member approval is required where a school plans to operate a deficit exceeding:

Nursery/primary/special schools
BOTH 3% of the budget share AND £10,000

Secondary schools
EITHER 3% of the budget share OR £150,000

Before making such a request, the school must demonstrate to officers from Children's Services and Corporate Finance that all other options have been exhausted. Approval to repay a deficit is normally only allowed over a maximum of three years. However, additional years may be granted if, in the opinion of the Executive Director for Children's Services, the school's ability to deliver the national curriculum would otherwise be seriously jeopardised and that no other reasonable course of action is available.

The estimated balances and pupil numbers of the schools referenced in this report are included in Appendix 2.

4.2 Requests to balance the budget over more than one year

Two-year budget plan:

- Charlesworth Primary School
- Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School

Three-year budget plans:

- Calow Primary School

4.3 Plans beyond three years

Wirksworth C.E Infant School is a small school with 53 on roll (October 2020) with this figure projected to reduce to around 40 over the next two years. The school has not yet been able to produce a plan to bring their budget back into balance with the deficit profiled to increase from £12,709 at 31 March 2021 to £88,710 at 31 March 2025.

Wirksworth C.E. Infant School is federated with another small school, Wirksworth Infant School, which has 37 on roll (October 2020). Wirksworth Infants had a balanced budget of £17,035 as at 31 March 2021 with a small deficit budget of £9,617 projected for 2023-24.

The budgets for both schools are very tight and they continue to work closely with the Local Authority and are being supported by the Authority's Team Around The School (TATS) processes.

New Mills School has been unable to produce a plan to bring their budget back into balance. The deficit at 31 March 2021 was £0.636m, an improvement of £0.099m compared with the previous year-end figure (£0.735m). The deficit is planned to further reduce gradually to £0.187m by 31 March 2025. The school continues to work closely with the Local Authority to address its deficit position and is being supported by the Authority's Team Around The School (TATS) processes. Further meetings of senior LA officers are planned with the school's governors and senior leadership teams to identify further measures to recover the deficit.

5. Consultation

5.1 Not applicable

6. Alternative Options Considered

6.1 Not applicable, as schools are required by regulations to balance their budgets over time.

7. Implications

7.1 The schools governing bodies listed in Appendix 2 will be required to identify savings and efficiencies within their delegated budgets in order to reduce their accumulated deficits.

8. Background Papers

8.1 Held in School Support Finance, Finance & ICT Services, Commissioning, Communities & Policy.

9. Appendices

9.1 Appendix 1 - Implications.

9.2 Appendix 2 – Requests from schools to balance their budget over more than one financial year and schools without agreed budget plans.

10. Recommendations

That Cabinet considers the report and:

- a) Allow the schools detailed in section 4.2 to recover their budget deficits over more than one financial year;

- b) Notes the position of the two schools in section 4.3 that are currently unable to submit a balanced budget recovery plan within three years;
- c) Requires the Governing Bodies of Wirksworth C.E. Infant School and New Mills School to agree and submit plans to the Authority by the end of the current financial year that eliminate the accumulated deficit within a timeframe acceptable to the Authority.

11. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 11.1 All the recommendations reflect the extensive work that takes place to help schools avoid getting into deficit. Where a school does have financial difficulties, the need to manage these problems, and the associated risks to the LA, have to be balanced against the needs of the children currently in the school and the impact on teaching and learning of potential savings strategies.

12. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

- 12.1 No

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Implications

Financial

1.1 The problems faced by the small number of schools above must be seen in context. At 31st March 2021, the Authority was responsible for 281 schools of which 13 reported a deficit at the end of 2020-21, ~4.63% of the total and, of these, only the two listed in section 4.3 do not yet have an agreed recovery plan.

Against this broadly positive picture, the current school funding arrangements now present a greater financial risk to the Authority. If a school with a deficit is required to convert to academy status then that deficit is likely to remain with the Authority.

Legal

2.1 None

Human Resources

3.1 None

Information Technology

4.1 None

Equalities Impact

5.1 None

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

6.1 Contained within the body of the report

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

7.1 None

Requests from schools to balance the budget over more than one financial year

Appendix 2

School	Pupil Numbers		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	Oct 2020	Oct 2021 est	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget
Charlesworth Primary School	99	110	-55,284	-10.79	5,987	1.07				
Fairmeadows Foundation Primary School	206	209	-24,648	-2.70	32,237	3.44				
Calow Primary School	153	141	-62,505	-9.25	-65,386	-10.17	8,508	1.28		

Schools without agreed balanced budget plans

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School	Pupil Numbers		2021-22		2022-23		2023-24		2024-25	
	Oct 2020	Oct 2021 est	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget	Estimated Balance £	% of budget
Wirksworth C.E. Infant School	53	50	-33,451	-10.93	-31,355	-10.54	-63,379	-24.63	-88,710	-33.08
New Mills School	613	624	-590,805	-17.58	-541,327	-15.58	-320,210	-8.62	-186,921	-5.09



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DERBYSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL

CABINET MEMBER FOR EDUCATION

3 August 2021

Report of the Executive Director for Children's Services

School Term Dates 2021-22

1. Divisions Affected

1.1 County-wide.

2. Key Decision

2.1 This is not a Key Decision.

3. Purpose

3.1 To ask the Cabinet Member to note that term dates for 2021-22 need to be amended by schools and academies closing for an additional day to take account of the extra bank holiday in 2022 to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

3.2 That the Cabinet Member notes that each school or academy will be asked to determine the additional day they will close.

4. Information and Analysis

4.1 In April 2019 the Cabinet member agreed the recommended term dates for academic years from 2020-21 through to 2024-25.

4.2 Under the Education (School Day and School Year) Regulations 1999 (as amended) all maintained schools should hold at least 380 half day

school sessions during the school year. Schools determine when a further 10 half days are to be taken as professional development days for staff.

- 4.3 The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations which came into force on 1 June 2021 amends the 1999 Regulations. The effect is to reduce the minimum number of sessions which must be held in the school year 2021-2022 from 380 to 378 (one session equals half a day). This is to enable schools to close for the additional bank holiday to celebrate the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen or where schools are already closed, as is the case in Derbyshire, close on another day to compensate.
- 4.4 The DfE have confirmed that they intend to amend the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document to reflect the additional bank holiday in teachers' terms and conditions and will be consulting with teacher unions on the proposed changes over the summer as part of the Governments consultation process for the 2021 pay award.

5. Consultation

- 5.1 Consultation has taken place with neighbouring authorities. Some have determined revised term dates which close schools a day earlier in the spring or summer term whilst others have adopted a flexible approach which enables each school to determine their own term dates to allow for the additional closure day at a local level.

6. Background Papers

- 6.1 Non identified.

7. Recommendation(s)

- 7.1 In anticipation of the proposed changes being implemented with the School Teachers' Pay and Conditions Document 2021, the Cabinet Member is asked to note the proposal in relation to school term dates to be recommended to Derbyshire schools and academies in 2021-22.

8. Reasons for Recommendation(s)

- 8.1 The proposal to provide schools with the flexibility to amend their school terms dates for 2021-22 fulfils the legal requirement to reduce the number of school session for the year in a manner which suits the needs of their school community and in an appropriate time scale.

9. Is it necessary to waive the call in period?

9.1 No

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This report has been approved by the following officers:

<p>On behalf of:</p> <p>Director of Legal Services and Monitoring Officer Director of Finance and ICT Managing Executive Director Executive Director(s)</p>	
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Implications

Financial

- 1.1 The reduction in the number of sessions to 378 will not impact significantly on school funding or finances. Traded Services generating income through sales such as the school meals service will have a marginally reduced opportunity to recover costs but should be able to manage this within the trading year.

Legal

- 2.1 The Education (School Day and School Year) (England) (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 amends the Education (School Day and School Year) 1999 Regulations by reducing the minimum number of sessions schools are required to meet in the academic year 2021 to 2022 to enable everyone to take part in the celebrations of the Platinum Jubilee of Her Majesty the Queen.

Human Resources

- 3.1 The recognised Trade Unions and Professional Associations have been consulted about the proposal to provide schools with the flexibility to amend their school terms dates for 2021-22 and did not raise any objections.

Information Technology

- 4.1 None identified

Corporate objectives and priorities for change

- 5.1 None identified

Other (for example, Health and Safety, Environmental Sustainability, Property and Asset Management, Risk Management and Safeguarding)

- 6.1 None identified