

**National Public Holiday for HM The Queen's Funeral
Report by Fiona Robertson Executive Director Children, Young People and
Partnerships**

1 Recommendation

To seek the Council's approval to re-arrange the pre-existing school holiday scheduled for 19 September 2022 to Monday 24 October 2022, in light of the national bank holiday on 19 September to mark the State Funeral of HM Queen Elizabeth II.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

The Council is asked to approve the recommendation to change the planned school holiday day of 19 September 2022 to Monday 24 October 2022 and the Staff Development day scheduled for 24 October 2022 to Tuesday 25 October 2022.

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3 Background

- 3.1 Following the death of Queen Elizabeth II, the government announced that the day of her funeral, Monday 19 September, would be a National Public Holiday.
- 3.2 Monday 19 September was already a designated school holiday day with all Midlothian schools and local authority nursery settings closed for the September (Edinburgh) weekend.
- 3.3 The proposal is to reschedule the pre-existing school holiday from 19 September 2022 to Monday 24 October 2022.
- 3.4 Schools had a staff development day scheduled for 24 October 2022. It is proposed that this would move to Tuesday 25 October 2022, with pupils returning on Wednesday 26 October rather than Tuesday 25 October 2022.
- 3.5 The appropriate permissions have already been given by Scottish Government to reduce the number of pupil days, should this proposal be agreed.
- 3.6 The Midlothian Negotiating Committee for Teachers (MNCT) have been consulted and are in full agreement with the proposals.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital and Risk)

4.1 Resource

There are no additional resource implications arising from this report

4.2 Digital

There are no digital implications arising from this report.

4.3 Risk

There is no significant risk associated with this proposal

4.4 Ensuring Equalities (if required a separate IIA must be completed)

There is no significant impact arising from the proposal contained within this report

4.5 Additional Report Implications

Appendices

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

Individuals and communities have improved health and learning outcomes

A.2 Key Drivers for Change

Key drivers addressed in this report:

- Holistic Working
- Hub and Spoke
- Modern
- Sustainable
- Transformational
- Preventative
- Asset-based
- Continuous Improvement
- One size fits one
- None of the above

A.3 Key Delivery Streams

Key delivery streams addressed in this report:

- One Council Working with you, for you
- Preventative and Sustainable
- Efficient and Modern
- Innovative and Ambitious
- None of the above

A.4 Delivering Best Value

Not applicable

A.5 Involving Communities and Other Stakeholders

MNCT debated the options and agreed the proposal

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable.