

School Christmas and New Year holidays 2020**Report by Fiona Robertson, Executive Director – People & Partnerships****Report for Information****1 Recommendations**

It is recommended that Council notes; the attached letter of notification from the Deputy First Minister, and Cabinet Secretary for Education and Skills, that the Scottish Government will not intervene to make changes to the current dates for the schools holiday period, which varies across local authorities based on advice from public health.

2 Purpose of Report/Executive Summary

To advise members of the public health advice in terms of the Covid -19 pandemic as it impacts across consideration of the school holidays for the Christmas 2020 and New Year 2021 period, and that there is no change to the published dates for Midlothian's schools.

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3 Background

Letter attached from the Deputy First Minister, 3 December, 2020.

4 Report Implications (Resource, Digital, Risk and Equalities)

4.1 Resource

Not applicable

4.2 Digital

Not applicable

4.3 Risk

Not applicable

4.4 Ensuring Equalities

Not applicable

4.4 Additional Report Implications

APPENDIX A – Report Implications

A.1 Key Priorities within the Single Midlothian Plan

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

Not applicable

A.6 Impact on Performance and Outcomes

Not applicable

A.7 Adopting a Preventative Approach

Not applicable

A.8 Supporting Sustainable Development

Not applicable