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<b>Report To:</b>	<b>Education &amp; Communities Committee</b>	<b>Date:</b>	<b>03 September 2019</b>
<b>Report By:</b>	<b>Corporate Director Education, Communities &amp; Organisational Development</b>	<b>Report No:</b>	<b>EDUCOM/77/19/RB</b>
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<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Additional Closure Day for Educational Establishments</b>		

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## **1.0 PURPOSE**

- 1.1 The purpose of this report to the Education & Communities Committee is to note an additional closure day on Friday 8 May 2020 for all educational establishments which was approved by the Policy & Resources Committee on 6 August 2019 and by the Scottish Government on 14 August 2019.
- 1.2 The purpose of the additional closure day is to commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day.

## **2.0 SUMMARY**

- 2.1 The additional closure day for educational establishments follows the approval from the Policy & Resources to retain the public holiday on 4 May and commemorate the 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of VE Day on 8 May 2020.
- 2.2 The Scottish Government approved the change to the school year to accommodate an additional closure day to commemorate VE Day in 2020.

## **3.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 3.1 The Education & Communities Committee is asked to note the additional closure day on 8 May 2020 for all educational establishments.

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#### 4.0 BACKGROUND

- 4.1 Inverclyde Council's Policy and Resources Committee heard that nationally the UK Government had decided to move the May Day public holiday from Monday 4 May to Friday 8 May in 2020 to commemorate the 75th anniversary of Victory in Europe Day.
- 4.2 In what is believed to be the first council in the UK, Councillors have agreed that in Inverclyde the May Day holiday will be retained and the Friday will be marked with council offices and facilities closed to allow staff, service users, residents and school pupils to commemorate VE Day 75 in addition to May Day.

#### 5.0 IMPLICATIONS

5.1 Additional closure days have implications for parents with extra childcare costs.

#### 5.2 Finance

#### 5.3 Financial Implications:

There are no direct financial costs associated with the information provided in this paper.

One off Costs:

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	With Effect from	Annual Net Impact £000	Virement From (If Applicable)	Other Comments
N/A					

Annually Recurring Costs/(Savings):

Public Engagement Events, communications and administration costs

Cost Centre	Budget Heading	Budget Years	Proposed Spend this Report £000	Virement From	Other Comments
N/A					

#### 6.0 Legal

There are no legal implications. Dispensation from Regulation 5 of the Schools General (Scotland) Regulations 1975 has been approved by the Scottish Government.

#### 7.0 Equalities

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been carried out?

YES (see attached appendix)

NO – There is no equality impact with this change.

#### 8.0 Repopulation

N/A

**9.0 CONSULTATIONS**  
N/A

**10.0 BACKGROUND PAPERS**  
N/A