**Frequently asked questions – FAQ**

1. Why are the holidays being set for 5 years?

Scottish Borders Council is required to maintain a 3 year forward programme of holiday/sessions dates by consulting on a 5 year plan, it will enable schools and parents to plan accordingly.

1. Why is there a week in February?

Traditionally the February break is split over 2 weeks –Included in the feedback from the last consultation in 2013 were requests for a whole week in February

1. Why the proposal to change the In Service dates?

Where possible, some of the In Service days have been aligned with neighbouring authorities, to allow an opportunity for training to be undertaken jointly with other local authorities.

1. Why the proposal to have no In Service days in November?

The feedback from the last proposal asked if In Service days could be after a holiday period.

1. Have the In Service days during the summer holidays

This would not comply with teachers’ contracted working arrangements – teachers work for 195 days and this includes 5 In Service days.

1. Why not have 2 weeks in October

This option was rejected in the consultation carried out in 2010