

Additional Bank Holiday for June 2026 approved, after division.

2 Councillor Casey, City Convener for Workforce and Homelessness and Addiction Services, presented a report regarding whether the Council should recognise the additional Bank Holiday on 15th June 2026, advising that

- (1) on 5th January 2026, the Scottish First Minister proposed that 15th June 2026, the day following Scotland's first World Cup match, should be designated as a Bank Holiday and on 3rd February 2026, the King had given his consent;
- (2) there were direct costs to the Council in observing this additional Bank Holiday, these being estimated at approximately £520,000 split between Neighbourhoods, Regeneration and Sustainability, Glasgow Health and Social Care Partnership and Glasgow Life to ensure the provision of key services; and
- (3) if the additional Bank Holiday was approved, the Interim Executive Director of Education Services would write to the Scottish Government for permission to close schools in the absence of a formal letter from the Scottish Government already granting such permission.

Councillor Casey, seconded by Councillor Aitken, moved as an amendment that the committee

- (a) notes the background and implications for the Council as detailed in the report; and
- (b) agrees that the Council should observe the additional Bank Holiday.

Councillor Hussain, seconded by Councillor O'Lone, moved as an amendment that the committee

- (a) notes the estimated one-off cost to the Council of £520,000 associated with observing the additional Bank Holiday on 15th June 2026 and that this would require to be met from balances;
- (b) agrees that, in light of the financial impact on local authorities, it was appropriate that the Scottish Government clearly sets out how this would be resourced;
- (c) instructs the Chief Executive to write to the Scottish Government seeking clarification of the funding position in relation to this additional Bank Holiday; and
- (d) agrees that the committee would consider the decision on implementation once a response had been received and report back arrangements confirmed.

On a vote being taken by calling the roll, 9 members voted for the amendment, 13 for the motion, with one abstention. The motion was accordingly declared to be carried.

