

# The City of Edinburgh Council

10.00am, Thursday 19 November 2020

## Public Holidays 2021-2027

Executive/routine  
Wards  
Council Commitments

### 1. Recommendations

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- 1.1 To note the Public Holiday dates in Edinburgh for the period 2021 to 2027 as attached at appendix 1 to the report.
- 1.2 To agree that a further report will be brought back to Council to consider the Edinburgh Spring Holiday in 2022.
- 1.3 To agree the Spring Holiday in 2025 shall be Monday 14 April.

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# Report

## Public Holidays 2021 - 2027

### 2. Executive Summary

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- 2.1 The report sets out the Public Holiday dates in Edinburgh for 2021 – 2027, advises Council of a clash of the Spring Holiday date with Easter Monday in the years 2022 and 2025, and seeks approval of an alternative Spring Holiday date.
- 2.2 The report also notes the UK Government's announcement of an additional public holiday to mark Her Majesty the Queen's 70th anniversary as monarch in summer 2022. The full implications of this for Edinburgh are yet to be determined. A further report will be brought back to Council on this matter.

### 3. Background

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- 3.1 Local public holidays have been developed over many years on a local basis with care specifically taken to avoid a clash of holiday dates between different areas in Scotland. At present Public Holiday dates in Edinburgh have been published until 31 Dec 2020.

### 4. Main report

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- 4.1 A list of Public Holiday Dates in Edinburgh for the period 2021 to 2027 (to the end of the next Council term) is attached as appendix 1.
- 4.2 The Spring Holiday in Edinburgh is normally the third Monday in April. In the years 2022 and 2025 the third Monday in April (18 April in 2022, 21 April in 2025) would be Easter Monday.
- 4.3 Previously, when these dates have coincided it has been the practice to observe the second or fourth Monday in April as the Edinburgh Spring Holiday (11 April or 25 April in 2022, 14 or 28 April in 2025).
- 4.4 In recent years when similar clashes have occurred (2001, 2003, 2006, 2014, 2017), the Council agreed to maintain a break between holidays in April and May

(May Day) and that the second Monday of April should be adopted as the Spring Holiday. This report proposes the same approach.

- 4.5 The UK Government has recently announced the May Bank Holiday Weekend will be moved to Thursday 2 June and an additional Bank Holiday on Friday 3 June provide a four-day weekend to celebrate Her Majesty the Queen's Platinum Jubilee. In Edinburgh, the May Bank holiday noted above has traditionally not been observed at the end of May. The equivalent Spring Holiday in Edinburgh is normally the third Monday in April. The full implications of this announcement are yet to be worked through at a national (Scottish) level or at a local level. A further report of this matter will be brought to Council in due course.

## **5. Next Steps**

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- 5.1 If agreed, the dates will be published on the Council's website.

## **6. Financial impact**

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- 6.1 There are no financial implications arising from this report.

## **7. Stakeholder/Community Impact**

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- 7.1 The Public Holiday dates are set using a fixed procedure developed on a local basis over many years.

## **8. Background reading/external references**

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- 8.1 Previous reports archived.

## **9. Appendices**

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Appendix 1 – Public Holiday Dates

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2021

New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2021 Monday 4 January 2021
Spring	Monday 19 April 2021
May Day	Monday 3 May 2021
Victoria Day	Monday 17 May 2021
Autumn	Monday 20 September 2021
Christmas Day	Monday 27 December 2021
Boxing Day	Tuesday 28 December 2021
Good Friday	Friday 2 April 2021
Easter Monday	Monday 5 April 2021
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 3 July 2021

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2022

New Year's Day	Monday 3 January 2022 Tuesday 4 January 2022
Spring	Monday 18 April 2022 * clashes with Easter Monday and alternate date to be agreed.
May Day	Monday 2 May 2022
Victoria Day	Monday 23 May 2022
Autumn	Monday 19 September 2022
Christmas Day	Monday 26 December 2022
Boxing Day	Tuesday 27 December 2022
Good Friday	Friday 15 April 2022
Easter Monday	Monday 18 April 2022
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 2 July 2022

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2023

New Year's Day	Monday 2 January 2023 Tuesday 3 January 2023
Spring	Monday 17 April 2023
May Day	Monday 1 May 2023
Victoria Day	Monday 22 May 2023
Autumn	Monday 18 September 2023
Christmas Day	Monday 25 December 2023
Boxing Day	Tuesday 26 December 2023
Good Friday	Friday 7 April 2023
Easter Monday	Monday 10 April 2023
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 1 July 2023

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2024

New Year's Day	Monday 1 January 2024 Tuesday 2 January 2024
Spring	Monday 15 April 2024
May Day	Monday 6 May 2024
Victoria Day	Monday 20 May 2024
Autumn	Monday 16 September 2024
Christmas Day	Wednesday 25 December 2024
Boxing Day	Thursday 26 December 2024
Good Friday	Friday 29 March 2024
Easter Monday	Monday 1 April 2024
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 29 June 2024

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2025

New Year's Day	Wednesday 1 January 2025 Thursday 2 January 2025
Spring	Monday 21 April 2025 - * clashes with Easter Monday and alternate date to be agreed.
May Day	Monday 5 May 2025
Victoria Day	Monday 19 May 2025
Autumn	Monday 15 September 2025
Christmas Day	Thursday 25 December 2025
Boxing Day	Friday 26 December 2025
Good Friday	Friday 18 April 2025
Easter Monday	Monday 21 April 2025
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 5 July 2025



## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2026

New Year's Day	Thursday 1 January 2026 Friday 2 January 2026
Spring	Monday 20 April 2026
May Day	Monday 4 May 2026
Victoria Day	Monday 18 May 2026
Autumn	Monday 21 September 2026
Christmas Day	Friday 25 December 2026
Boxing Day	Monday 28 December 2026
Good Friday	Friday 3 April 2026
Easter Monday	Monday 6 April 2026
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 4 July 2026

## Public Holidays in Edinburgh 2027

New Year's Day	Friday 1 January 2027 Monday 4 January 2027
Spring	Monday 19 April 2027
May Day	Monday 3 May 2027
Victoria Day	Monday 17 May 2027
Autumn	Monday 20 September 2027
Christmas Day	Monday 27 December 2027
Boxing Day	Tuesday 28 December 2027
Good Friday	Friday 26 March 2027
Easter Monday	Monday 29 March 2027
Trades Holidays Commence	Saturday 3 July 2027