EDUCATION, SKILLS AND EARLY YEARS CITY POLICY COMMITTEE'S MINUTES.

Hybrid meeting, 24th April 2025.

Education, Skills and Early Years City Policy Committee.

Present: Graham Campbell (Chair), Susan Aitken, Blair Anderson, Stephen

Curran, Stephen Dornan, Zen Ghani, Seonad Hoy, Lilith Johnstone, Malcolm Mitchell, Cecilia O'Lone, Jill Pidgeon and Catherine Vallis.

Attending: D Brand (Clerk); D Hutchison, Executive Director of Education

Services; and F Ross (for the Director of Communication and

Corporate Governance).

Twenty years of active schools – Update noted.

1 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the ongoing work of the Physical Education, Physical Activity and School Sport (PEPASS) team and the impact of the continuing work of Active Schools,

(1) advising

- (a) of the make up of the PEPASS team whose aim was to provide learners with a platform from which they could build physical competences, improve aspects of fitness, and develop personal and interpersonal skills and attributes;
- (b) of the priority areas of the Active Schools programme which had now been running for 20 years and of the various Active School events that had been delivered;
- (c) of the various pathways of opportunity offered to young people from primary 6 through to sixth year and beyond in the development of the young workforce through sport;
- (d) of the highlights of the various programmes available within the programme;
- (e) of examples of partnership working to support the Active Schools programme, as detailed in the report; and
- (f) that a bespoke teaching and learning programme was delivered across selected schools which aimed to establish a sustainable model by upskilling staff with the knowledge, confidence, and skills necessary to deliver high-quality Physical Education; and
- (2) detailing in the appendices to the report, the calendar of PEPASS city events during 2024/25 and Learn to Swim Team overview for 2023/24.

After consideration, the committee noted Education Services' PEPASS work to support Physical Education and the health and wellbeing of children and young people across the city.