

National thematic inspection on supporting improvement – Update noted.

3 There was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding the outcome of the national thematic inspection carried out by His Majesty's Inspectorate of Education (HMIE) on how local authorities supported improvement, advising

- (1) that HMIE had informed all local authorities in June 2024 that they would be carrying out a national thematic inspection of the role Local Authorities played in supporting schools to improve the quality of education;
- (2) of a list of the main recommendations that had been made following the visits;
- (3) of a summarised analysis of the findings in each of the 4 key areas that had been submitted by the lead inspector for each of the local authorities; and
- (4) that the national thematic inspection had given Education Services an opportunity to have an external partner scrutinise the work it was doing to support improvement in schools and how this impacted on improving outcomes for children and young people, and had resulted in a positive report which highlighted many areas of very good practice in city schools, supported organisations and strategic leaders at all levels.

After consideration, the committee noted the positive analysis of the supporting improvement work which had taken place across the Education Service.