

Activities to support development of equalities agenda across Education Services – Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 5th June 2025 (Print 2, page 135) noting an update on activities to support the development of the equalities agenda across Education Services, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing a further update regarding the matter, advising

- (1) of the equalities work being undertaken in relation to gender and countering online hate, disinformation and prejudice;
- (2) that following the significant work that had been undertaken to address key issues for girls and young women across schools, further work was needed to support boys and young men particularly in relation to mental health and wellbeing;
- (3) that a startup conference had been arranged in January 2026 to launch the Services' project that would involve co-production of research in each school to identify barriers and opportunities to support young male students from S1 to S6 and that this project was likely to last a year, with follow-up events to be held in the North and South of the city in January 2027;
- (4) of the work that had been undertaken, in collaboration with Time for Inclusive Education to provide professional learning modules and classroom resources designed to equip school staff with the tools to combat online hate, disinformation and prejudice; and
- (5) that the Service would continue to focus in the coming session on working to support collaboration and empowerment across the city to take forward its aspirations linked to equalities.