Education Services' development activities related to equality – Update noted.

3 With reference to the minutes of 9th March 2023 (Print 6, page 619) when the committee noted the developments and activities planned in relation to the equality agenda across Education Services, there was submitted and noted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services providing a further update regarding the developments and activities planned in relation to the equality agenda across Education Services, advising of the

(1) 3 strands that had been taken forward by Education Services and the Education Equalities Working Group (EEWG) to support disability awareness and tackle disability discrimination;

(2) professional learning opportunities to support staff across all establishments to develop and enhance practice in supporting in the additional support needs of all learners, as detailed in the report;

(3) ongoing work that had been taken forward to ensure that children and young people, with a range of disabilities, had equal opportunities to have their voices heard and to be supported to have meaningful involvement in Education Services' decision making processes;

(4) specific work which continued to be developed as part of the work of the EEWG and Psychological Services to support transgender young people, including details of the Pride Life event which had been organised by Education Services; and

(5) particular pressures on boys and young men, and the ongoing work being developed with Education Services and EEWG to recognise and challenge gender stereotyping, with the shift in attitude and behaviour already evident in some secondary schools.