

United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child – Update noted.

2 With reference to the minutes of 19th August 2021 (Print 3, page 201) noting Education Services' rights-based practices in relation to the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (Incorporation) (Scotland) Bill, passed in the Scottish Parliament in March 2021, there was submitted a report by the Executive Director of Education Services regarding Education Services' implementation and development of the United Nations Convention on the Rights of the Child (UNCRC) across the service, advising

- (1) that the UNCRC (Incorporation) (Scotland) Act 2024, placed responsibilities on both the Government and public authorities, and that public authorities had to report every 3 years on what actions they had carried out to meet UNCRC requirements and that they must not act in a way that was incompatible with UNCRC requirements;
- (2) of the further work undertaken to ensure a human rights-based approach, across education services, as detailed in the report;
- (3) of the mechanisms in place to support schools in their planning and participation in achieving a Rights Respecting Schools Award, which was an award scheme which schools could engage with in recognition of the ongoing work their young people and wider school community had engaged in to ensure children and young people were having their rights upheld within the school; and
- (4) of the next steps to be undertaken in schools and early years establishments to continue to implement the human rights-based approach to education.

After consideration, and having heard from pupils from Hyndland Secondary School about their journey to achieve the Rights Respecting Schools Gold Award, the committee

- (a) thanked the pupils for their informative presentation; and
- (b) noted the work within Education Services to implement a human rights-based approach across the service.