ANNEX B

1. Original request to DE Press Office

From: Armstrong, Kellie <kellie.armstrong@mla.niassembly.gov.uk> Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 12:09 PM 'To: Press Office (DE) <Press.Office@education-ni.gov.uk> Subject: Clarification re Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy Dear Education Press Office Can you conform why the Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy Action Plan is not listed in the Department for Education's website consultation section? How has this Consultation been promoted to the public by your Press Department? Could you provide copies of press releases and where they appeared when the launch of this consultation happened on the 31st August 2023 Thanks Kellie Armstrong MLA Alliance MLA for Strangford Alliance Spokesperson for Communities

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Room 366b, Parliament Buildings, Stormont. BT4 3XX **2. Press Office to Policy Team**

From: Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 12:46 PM To: Hutchinson, James <James.Hutchinson@education-ni.gov.uk> Cc: Subject: FW: Clarification re Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy Hi James Please see email below from Kellie Armstrong MLA. I have attached and copied the PR around the launch of the consultation. Are you content to respond to Ms Armstrong? If you need anything else please get in touch. Many thanks Consultation launched on the Integrated Education Strategy Action Plan - https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/news/consultation-launched-integrated-education-strategy-action-plan

Tweet issued via Departmental Twitter account -

https://x.com/Education_NI/status/1697174759836930198?s=20

3. Email within Policy Team

From:

Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 1:36 PM **To: Subject:** FW: Clarification re Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy

Looks like we should have added this to the list of DE Consultations on our website – cd you sort so I can tell Kellie it's there?

4. Policy Team to Website Admin requesting Consultation be added to Consultation Section of Website

From: Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:29 PM **To:** Website **Subject:** Online consultation Could you please add our consultation to the Consultation page of the DE website. (https://www.education-ni.gov.uk/consultations) Details are as follows; Integrated Education Act Action Plan Consultation was launched on 31 August 2023 and will close on 31 October 2023.

Consultation Description.

The Integrated Education Act (Northern Ireland) 2022 became law on the 26 October 2022. This Act placed a duty on the Department of Education (DE) to prepare, publish and maintain a strategy for the encouragement, facilitation, support for and provision of integrated education.

The strategy had to include an Action Plan to deliver on the strategy and the law requires that DE consult on that Action Plan.

This consultation is an opportunity to have your views considered in the future direction of the Action Plan and we would welcome your comments.

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5. Further Emails within Policy Team

From: Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:32 PM To: Subject: RE:

Clarification re Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy

I have contacted xx in website admin with the details to get it added online. I have asked xx to let me know when it is uploaded.

From: Sent: Thursday, September 21, 2023 2:33 PM **To: Subject:** RE: Clarification re Consultation on the Integrated Education Strategy

Ta – never crossed my mind at the time

6. Discussion between Policy Team and Website Admin Finalising Details

From: Website <website@education-ni.gov.uk> Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 8:37 AM To: Subject: RE: Online consultation

Are the timings okay I have added? Integrated Education Act Action Plan | Department of Education (education-ni.gov.uk)

From: Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 11:01 AM To: Website <website@education-ni.gov.uk> Subject: RE: Online consultation Many thanks for getting this uploaded so quickly.

The consultation closes at 23.59 on the 31 October, so could you change that please.

From: Website <website@education-ni.gov.uk> Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 11:47 AM **To: Subject:** RE: Online consultation

Is today's date of it being uploaded okay too?

From: Sent: Friday, September 22, 2023 12:07 PM To: Website

<website@education-ni.gov.uk> Subject: RE: Online consultation Yes that's fine