



**IN THE HIGH COURT OF JUSTICE IN NORTHERN IRELAND
KINGS BENCH DIVISION (JUDICIAL REVIEW)**

BEFORE THE HONOURABLE MR JUSTICE MCALINDEN

on Monday the 1st day of June 2026

**IN THE MATTER OF AN APPLICATION BY THE EQUALITY COMMISSION FOR
NORTHERN IRELAND FOR LEAVE TO APPLY FOR JUDICIAL REVIEW**

UPON THE APPLICATION being in the list this day for review,

AND UPON READING the documents recorded on the Court file as having been read,

AND UPON HEARING Counsel for the Applicant, Counsel on behalf of the Secretary of State NI, Counsel on behalf of the Department of Education, Counsel on behalf of the Good Law Project, the proposed Notice party, Counsel on behalf of Women's Rights Network Ltd, the proposed Notice party, Counsel on behalf of Sex Matters, proposed Intervener, Counsel on behalf of The Rainbow Project, proposed Intervener, and Counsel on behalf of the Children's Commissioner, proposed Intervener,

IT IS ORDERED that:

1. The following are hereby granted leave to intervene in these proceedings:
 - a. Sex Matters
 - b. The Rainbow Project
 - c. The Children's Commissioner
2. Any other application for leave to intervene in these proceedings must be filed, in writing, on or before 28 June 2026,
3. The application shall be listed for review on 7 September 2026 and further for leave hearing for two weeks commencing 30 November 2026 before the assigned Judge,
4. The costs of this application shall be reserved until the conclusion of the Judicial Review proceedings.

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Lesley Hewitt
Proper Officer

Time Occupied: 1 June 2026 20 mins

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