

Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee

5th August 2026

Response to Questions by Elected Members

ITEM 1:	Response to questions from meeting held on 6th June 2026
Q1: Councillor Docherty	In relation to the response provided regarding the trees species being used for the Avenues Projects and George Square refurbishment, how many British native trees and non-native trees have been used in these projects in either numbers or percentages?
A: NRS	NOTE: Due to annual leave and other priorities, staff will be unable to collate the requested information by the date of the next OPDS committee meeting. Corporate Services have been advised of this and Cllr Docherty has been contacted directly by email with confirmation that a response will be provided during week commencing 7th September 2026.
ITEM: 2	Response to questions from meeting held on 6th June 2026
Q1: Bailie Wardrop	In relation to the response provided regarding EV Fleet Infrastructure, can details of the of the protocol overseen by NRS Fleet Strategy Board be provided to ascertain what procedures are followed and reported to staff who request an electrical vehicle to carry out their job but are not being provided with that requested vehicle?
A: NRS	When a service identifies a requirement for a replacement vehicle or submits a request for a new vehicle, this is assessed through the Council's Request for Vehicle process. The process captures the operational requirement, vehicle utilisation, duty cycle, funding position and suitability of available vehicle technologies, including electric vehicles (EVs). Each request is considered against the Fleet Strategy and reviewed through the governance arrangements overseen by the NRS Fleet Strategy Board. Where an EV is requested but cannot currently be provided, the reasons are identified and communicated to the requesting service. These may include operational suitability, vehicle availability, charging infrastructure constraints, market availability, technology limitations, lead times or affordability considerations. The Council continues to adopt a pragmatic approach to fleet decarbonisation. While supporting the transition to low and zero emission vehicles wherever operationally appropriate, decisions are based on service requirements, available infrastructure, whole life costs, available funding and the maturity of the marketplace. Alternative low carbon technologies may also be considered where they better meet operational requirements.