Operational Performance and Delivery Scrutiny Committee Questions from Elected Members at meeting held on 3rd May 2023		
Item No	**Question**	**Response by**
Item 1 – Response to Questions from meeting held on 3rd May 2023	Bailie Ferguson – Following on from Councillor Alam's question on 3rd May 2023 regarding NRS preparations for the UCI Championships. The NRS response indicates that Citywide planned road maintenance is being aligned with the event timetable and the road routes. Was that the road maintenance planned specifically for the games and if so, is there a budget for that?	
Answer	We do not have a specific budget and are not diverging from our normal risk based maintenance programme, however, we are carrying out an increased number of inspections in order to ensure that the circuit is safe and that the city looks as good as it can for the event.	NRS
Local Government Benchmarking Framework 2021/22 – From meeting held on 3rd May 2023	Councillor Wardrop – Regarding the percentage of operational buildings that are suitable for their current use and their current use. In 2016, 75% of operational buildings were suitable for their current use, then in 2017/18 it went up to 94% and in 2018/19 it went down to 90% then stabilised at 87% in 2021/22. Can the change between 2016/17 from 75% to 94% in 2017/18 be explained further and was that do to with future office investments or capital investment and how does that compare with the Scottish average? Furthermore, when looking at identifying capital spend or budget allocations do we refer to the changes that took place in those years where money had been allocated to buildings and what differences that allocation of money, staffing or resources had made to the percentages?	
Answer	Within the property estate, there are two different property assessments carried out: Condition and Suitability. The condition assessment is a very objective assessment based on scored criteria and undertaken by professional building surveyors. The information in the condition assessment tends to be far more predictable each year, for example where significant capital investment has occurred, the condition rating is likely to improve, where ongoing maintenance has been undertaken it is likely to remain static, and if no work has been undertaken it is likely to deteriorate. The suitability assessment however, is far more subjective. This data is gathered from building users, and depending on who is filling out the assessment form, there can be a significant difference between	NRS

	subjective assessments of suitability. We find this often in the education estate when a change of head teacher may lead to very different assessments of a building. For example, a depute head teacher in a recently constructed new-build school secures a promotion to be the head teacher of an older school. The older school – in comparison to the new school – may appear to be completely inferior and lead to a poor suitability assessment, when – in real terms – its suitability for the purpose of learning and teaching is much better than the assessment suggests. It is for this reason that the suitability assessment of buildings can fluctuate from one year to another – they tend to be more subjective than the condition assessment.	