

Item 12 - Question Time

To the Chair of the Environment, Development & Infrastructure Committee

“From the information that we are often provided with it would be reasonable to conclude that there has been a significant underinvestment in maintaining our schools. That being the case, and in light of the limited capital programme to replace schools that are in poor condition, what measures are being put in place to ensure that repairs are being carried out across the School estate in order to make our schools a safe and healthy place for Highland pupils?”

Response to Mr R Gale

The Highland Council has provided budget pressure funding to support the annual property revenue maintenance allocation however due to the size of the portfolio the scale of investment required is significant. A 5-year property capital budget has been established to take forward programmes of work to supplement improvements to property condition made using the Care & Learning capital school programme budget.

Repairs raised are implemented on a prioritised basis with those impacting on health and safety given the highest priority.