

QUESTION NO 12

**By Councillor Jack Caldwell for
answer by the Convener of the
Culture and Communities Committee
at a meeting of the Council on 19
December 2024.**

Question (1) The Royal Society of Edinburgh published a report titled “Inquiry into public financial support for tree planting and forestry” in February 2022. Additionally, Edinburgh Council’s Draft Ready Climate Plan estimates Edinburgh will need to plant around 160,000 trees before 2030 to reach the Million Tree City target.

Can the Convener please confirm, over the last year, how many new (not replacement) urban street trees have been planted, broken down by ward, by the Council?

Answer (1)

Question (2) Roughly what proportion of these were funded from;

- a) Scottish Government or Forestry Scotland funding?
- b) Other funding sources ie the Edinburgh and Lothians Greenspace Trust?
- c) Developer contributions such as under Section 75 of the Planning Act?

Answer (2)

Question (3) What steps is the Convener taking to ensure that streets across the city without gardens or parks (such as high, street-facing tenements) are being considered to ensure Tree Equity?

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