

QUESTION NO 17

**By Councillor Jim Campbell for
answer by the Convener of the
Transport and Environment
Committee at a meeting of the
Council on 17 March 2022**

The Council has publicly promoted that it has reduced its carbon footprint by around 60%, claimed the award of £7.7m from Zero Waste Scotland for communal recycling as a success and regularly claims to have planted additional trees.

Question (1) What proportion of the cut in the Council's carbon footprint relates to external factors like grid decarbonisation and the new Energy from waste Plant at Millerhill which has been criticised by Friends of the Earth Scotland for exporting Edinburgh's carbon emissions?

Answer (1)

Question (2) What was the recycling rate inherited by the Convener in 2017 and what has it been in each of the years since?

Answer (2)

Question (3) How many trees has the Council pledged to plant and by when and how many have actually been planted?

Answer (3)

Question (4) What proportion of the trees planted are still in place and thriving?

Answer (4)

Question (5) What is the net change in number of trees in the City since 2017 given that many have been removed including in high profile cases by the Council or on Council land such as in East Princes Street Gardens and at Ocean Drive?

Answer (5)