Culture and Communities Committee

10.00am, Thursday, 7 December 2023

Edinburgh Million Tree City Update

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1. Recommendations

1.1 Culture and Communities Committee is asked to note:

1.1.1 Progress with the Edinburgh Million Tree City Project in reaching the Council's target of one million trees by 2030;

1.1.2 That a net increase of 55,469 trees (22% of 2030 target) have been planted so far, including 30,362 trees in 2022/23 (which takes into account 911 known tree removals); and

1.1.3 Progress with determining planting locations and planting trees, and collating tree numbers.

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Edinburgh Million Tree City Update

2. Executive Summary

2.1 The Edinburgh Million Tree City (EMTC) project has had its second planting season in 2022/23 after its official launch in October 2021. This report provides details on progress with tree planting activities, procuring supplies, and establishing contacts with stakeholders and suppliers contributing to achieving our ambition to reach one million trees by 2030.

3. Background

3.1 On 28 January 2020, Committee recognised the value that urban trees play in addressing the Climate Emergency and global biodiversity losses, supporting an ambition for Edinburgh to be a "Million Tree City" by 2030.

3.2 On 26 January 2021, an update was provided on the progress made in initiating the EMTC project, including a successful application to the Woodland Trust's Emergency Tree Fund for £298,055 to support project delivery until December 2023.

3.3 A repeat i-Tree Eco survey was initially planned for the summer of 2022, but has been postponed to the summer 2024 because a competitive tendering process is required. This is being progressed with the Procurement Team.

3.4 An Ash Dieback Action Plan has been produced and approved by Committee. The significant loss of Ash trees in terms of numbers and loss of habitat means additional planting will be needed. It is unlikely that the scale of planting required can be funded within the existing service funding allocation and additional financial assistance will be required.

3.5 EMTC supports Scotland's Forest Strategy 2019-2029 and the Council's plans for climate adaptation and nature recovery.

4. Main report

4.1 The tree numbers for the 2022/23 winter's planting season were 31,273. Appendix 1 shows the tree numbers by locality and land ownership and the paragraphs below provide a summary of the activity in 2022/23.

4.2 Strengthening of the working partnerships with Edinburgh & Lothian Greenspace Trust (ELGT), The Conservation Volunteers, and the Green Team has expanded

tree planting activity, and all share an ambition to do more. ELGT have employed additional landscape architecture resource sand extended the employment of the Craigmillar Woodlands Community Engagement Officer to coordinate more tree planting projects than was possible before the EMTC project.

4.3   Many planting areas were developed by project partners through engagement with Edinburgh Leisure and Friends of Parks groups. Utility services and ground scanning checks, essential in urban settings, defined boundaries for new woodland compartments and the siting of larger trees. This identified significant design alterations were needed for Gypsy Brae Park where high-pressure gas pipelines run from Cramond to the Granton foreshore.

4.4   Large tree planting projects at Corstorphine Hill, Threipmuir Reservoir, Gypsy Brae and Silverknowes Golf Course were successfully undertaken by The Conservation Volunteers. This provided opportunities for volunteers to participate at supervised community planting days.

4.5   A total of eight Wee Forests are planted across the city, with new sites added at West Granton Crescent Park and Redbraes Park funded through partnerships with Earthwatch UK and ELGT, with funding from NatureScot. Local primary school children helped with the planting and will continue with citizen science projects to monitor the growth and creation of these new habitats.

4.6   A free tree giveaway initiative organised with ELGT had two events giving away over 1,000 trees with care advice. It is planned to repeat the event on a larger scale, with a stock of 10,000 trees this winter at over 20 locations spread across the city. Sponsors are sought to fund free trees to every secondary school in Edinburgh to promote tree planting and raise awareness of the benefits trees in schools.

4.7   The Community Benefits Scheme helps Council suppliers provide support and be involved in the project through monetary donations; sponsorship, and supplying trees, equipment, and planting volunteers. Appendix 2 lists suppliers that have offered and provided resources.

4.8   Contracts are now in place for the supply of trees and equipment for tree planting projects.

4.9   Grant claims totalling over £228,000 were made in 2022/23. The remaining £70,000 of the available Woodland Trust grant will be spent by March 2024. The planting has been supplemented by £120,000 of Council funding.

4.10   The Planning Service are continuing to review resources to extract tree planting proposals from Planning Applications. It is anticipated this will provide information for future checks on the actual number of trees planted on completed developments and will allow for follow-up on tree aftercare effectiveness and mortality rates.

4.11   The Woodland Trust Emergency Tree Fund Grant has funded planting on Council-owned land in areas of social deprivation, for example, in Silverknowes, Colinton Mains, Drylaw, Craigmillar, Burdiehouse, Leith, and in developments managed by Housing Associations, and a sports ground and golf course managed by Edinburgh Leisure. There has also been planting on National Health Service property at

Ashley Anslie Hospital, Lauriston Centre, at the European Society for Movement Analysis in Adults and Children Centre at Morton Hall, and the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary at Little France.

4.12 The number of trees planted with the help of the Woodland Trust grant is over 32,000. This accounts for 60% of the total recorded.

4.13 To support the EMTC project, an action plan has been developed, which sets five strategic aims and actions for increasing urban tree planting to help address the declared Climate Emergency and effects of biodiversity loss following declaration of a Nature Emergency. The action plan also identifies activities and responsibilities, resources, and outcome targets. The plan was presented for review and adoption by the EMTC project forum to help secure support and involvement needed for successful outcomes.

5.   Next Steps

5.1   To build on the success of the second project planting season, the following continuing actions during 2023/24 will see many more young trees appearing across the parks, openspaces, residential gardens, and streets in the city:

   5.1.1 Arrange tree planting designs, stakeholder consultation, and community and volunteer involvement in tree planting activities;

   5.1.2 In partnership with the ELGT, repeat on a larger-scale the free tree giveaway events this winter at locations across the city within local communities, schools, and at the Council's Inch Park Nursery;

   5.1.3 Organise a repeat i-Tree Eco Survey to evaluate tree numbers, health, carbon capture and ecosystem benefits in summer 2024;

   5.1.4 Establish contacts with external organisations, agencies, and land developers to increase tree planting on other land areas; and

   5.1.5 Undertake more tree planting across the city.

5.2   With the EMTC project growing network of supporters and partnerships, tree planting activity is gaining momentum and is on track to reach targeted levels. With the Woodland Trust Emergency Tree Fund grant agreement ending this December, the challenge is to find funding and investment from organisations and other sectors with project partners. This will include consideration of opportunities in the Vision, Strategy and Action Plan for Edinburgh's Blue and Green Spaces and support several Council strategies planned, including a new Open Space Strategy, Forest and Woodlands Strategy, and Biodiversity Action Plan from next year.

5.3   The repeat i-Tree Eco survey is proposed for 2024/25 will provide an up-to-date analysis of the city's trees, canopy cover, tree and woodland locations, and details of the species mix, age, and health of the tree stock. The survey will evaluate the ecosystem benefits of trees, including carbon capture, removal of pollutants, and flood prevention value. The survey will include the small towns in the west within the city boundary, including Queensferry, Dalmeny and Ratho and surrounding rural areas not in the previous survey. This will provide a fuller analysis of the city.

6.   Financial impact

6.1   The EMTC project has benefitted immensely from a Woodland Trust grant award of £298,055. This has covered costs associated with project management and tree planting to promote planting of native tree species to kickstart the project. The grant award agreement period finishes in December 2023.

6.2   Neighbourhood Environmental Services has committed a budget allocation of £120,000 to the project for this financial year.

6.3   To date, £228,000 (76% of total grant available) has been claimed and it is anticipated that the remaining £70,000 will be spent by the end of this financial year. The final claim for remaining grant will be submitted early 2024.

6.4   From 2024/25 onwards the project continues to require funding and investment. Such funding is critical if continued progress towards the million-tree city target is to be made and the Council's target is to be reached by 2030. Funding has yet to be identified for continuing the project from 1 April 2024.

6.5   As the main tree planting requirement for EMTC project shall be larger volumes of small trees, a new tree supply and ancillary items contract and specification was required. The procurement process is now complete and there are three suppliers under contract to maximise all potential spending on the project.

6.6   Based on investment to date, the financial commitment required for continued delivery of EMTC project Action Plan for the next phase is £500,000, which ensures sufficient core funding is allocated to the project to include more planting of street trees. Alongside the annual allocation of £120,000 within the service budget, officers will seek any opportunities to attract external income. The additional planting required as a result of Ash Dieback will be monitored, with a likelihood that additional financial assistance will be required to mitigate the scale of loss.

6.7   Any reduction in investment would curtail the delivery of the Action Plan and reduce the potential benefits associated with the wider aims and objectives of the project that are seen as key to the successful overall ambition of reaching a million-tree city by 2030.

7.   Equality and Poverty Impact

7.1   As a city, we strive for equality and equity. Ensuring trees are accessible and abundant in the city is central to ensuring everyone receives the benefits of trees across our urban areas. This is especially important as trees improve health and wellbeing and can increase the value of property. Trees also make areas attractive places to live, but not everyone has a park or open space close by. Introducing trees in areas where there is few or no trees currently, especially in areas of deprivation, is important. However, lack of available space and increased costs associated with levels of vandalism and maintenance, especially if street trees are planted, can make introducing significant numbers of trees more challenging in some areas.

7.2   The benefits of trees need to be spread fairly across the city to look not only at tree numbers but canopy cover.

8.   Climate and Nature Emergency Implications

8.1   As a public body, the Council has statutory duties relating to climate emissions and biodiversity.

8.2   The City of Edinburgh Council declared a Climate Emergency in 2019 and committed to work towards a target of net zero emissions by 2030 for both city and corporate emissions and embedded this as a core priority of the Council Business Plan 2023-27. The Council also declared a Nature Emergency in 2023.

Environmental Impacts

8.3   The benefits of trees in the environment have been well-documented. Support for the ambitions of EMTC can assist in adapting and mitigating climate change through sequestration of carbon (around 22kg per tree). Trees also provide a more pleasant street environment during hot periods and can help with improving air quality and alleviating the impact of flooding. Trees support a vast range of wildlife and flora and therefore provide valuable habitat for the city's biodiversity and help create nature corridors.

9.   Risk, policy, compliance, governance and community impact

9.1   EMTC contributes to the Council's Business Plan objective to deliver a net zero city by 2030 and make sure Edinburgh is a climate-adapted city with biodiverse green spaces.

9.2   There has been regular involvement with partners and related organisations to help deliver the aspirations of EMTC. Work with communities around identifying tree planting opportunities and on how best to engage with local residents is ongoing. Incorporating volunteers and exploring opportunities for residents, schools, interest groups, etc. to get involved in any way they can is key to ensuring young trees reach maturity, are well-maintained, and looked after.

9.3   All tree planting proposals relating to Council-owned land go through a stakeholder and community consultation process. Details of each proposal at design stage showing species selection, location, and protection equipment (e.g., fencing, stakes, etc.) are shared at site meetings and circulated to all interested parties. Changes are made to reduce impact to residents and communities, (i.e., by not planting too close to paths or boundaries, or by not planting on ground actively used for sport or recreation, etc.)

9.4   Key risks around failure to plant at least 25,000 trees per annum means that the city would not reach its million-tree target.

9.5   Risks associated with lack of available financial resources predominantly will severely impact progress of the ambition to reach a million-tree city by 2030. This would be damaging reputationally to the Council, partners, and the Woodland Trust as there has been significant investment in achieving progress to date.

9.6   Care is taken to ensure no infringement, encroachment, or damage to over ground or underground utilities cables and pipelines.

9.7   Residents, businesses, schools, and community groups (for example, Friends of Parks groups, etc.) are encouraged to take part in tree planting opportunities and to look after newly planted trees in their neighbourhood.

10.   Background reading/external references

8.1   [Edinburgh Million Tree City](#) website.

8.2   [Woodland Trust](#) website.

8.3   Wee Forests – [Nature Scot](#) website and [EarthWatch Europe](#) website.

8.4   [Edinburgh Nature Networks](#) website.

11.   Appendices

9.1   Appendix 1 – Tree numbers reported to Edinburgh Million Tree City Project 2022/23.

9.2   Appendix 2 – Edinburgh Million Tree City project donors/supporters.

9.3   Appendix 3 – Edinburgh Million Tree City project Action Plan.

Appendix 1

Tree Numbers Reported

By Locality	2021/22	2022/23	Total	%
North West	18,872	20,695	39,567	70.03
North East	792	1,295	2,087	3.69
South East	1,325	1,358	2,683	4.75
South West	3,241	341	3,582	6.34
Pentlands	1,000	6,550	7,550	13.36
Unable to be allocated	-	1,034	1,034	1.83
Total	**25,230**	**31,273**	**56,503**	

By Land Ownership	2021/22	2022/23	Total	%
The City of Edinburgh Council				
Parks & Openspaces	4,791	5,692	10,483	18.6
Cycleways	*	*	-	
Open spaces or Housing	1,570	630	2,200	3.9
Streets	347	103	450	0.8
Schools	422	*	422	0.7
Natural Heritage	4,647	16,260	20,907	37.0
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Other Land-owners/Managers				
Gardens and Church Grounds	-	1,005	1,005	1.8
Private Estates	13,400	-	13,400	23.7
Residential Developers	*	2,819	2,819	5.0
Commercial Developers	*	*	-	
Edinburgh Leisure - Golf Courses	*	4,000	4,000	7.1
Edinburgh Leisure - Centres	*	*	735	1.3
National Health Service	*	*	-	
Universities and Colleges	53	29	82	0.1
Golf Courses (Privately-owned)	*	*	-	
Total	**25,230**	**31,273**	**56,503**	

*Note: * tree numbers to be determined and confirmed.*

Tree removals

Trees removed by	2021/22	2022/23
Forestry Service	877	911
University of Edinburgh	21	0
Total Removed	**898**	**911**
Net Increase in Trees	**24,332**	**30,362**

Net increase in numbers against annual target

Year(s)	Target	Tree numbers	% on target
2021/22	25,000	24,332	97%
2022/23	25,000	30,362	121%
Overall (to date)	50,000	54,694	109%

Appendix 2

Edinburgh Million Tree City Project Donor/Support Engagement

Name	Business/Services Supplied
Keily Bros	Transport - Roads Surfacing
Robertson Group	Construction - Housing
Azzurro Ltd	Interior Solutions - furniture
A C Whyte	Social Housing Refurbishment
Direct Tyres	Motor vehicle
Fly Open Air	Events Management
Maxi Construction	Construction
OOBE	Landscape Architects
Western Digital	Telecoms
TD Trees & Land Services	Tree surgeons

Appendix 3 - Edinburgh Million Trees City project Action Plan

The Edinburgh Million Tree City project Action Plan (extract provided in this Appendix) sets the 1 million trees project vision, strategic aims and objectives. The aims are to:

(i)   identify planting sites,

(ii)   engage everyone,

(iii)   increase tree numbers and improve ecosystem services,

(iv)   innovate and strategically influence,

(v)   shape and change future policy.

Identifying planting sites within the city

·   Identify public and private land spaces for tree planting in the city

·   Engage potential landowners to maximise potential for tree planting during the period

·   Plant across the whole of Edinburgh

	Aim
1.1	Work with land managers of public bodies including NHS Lothian, Police Scotland, Scottish Fire and Rescue Services, etc., to identify areas of public land that is available for tree planting.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of land for tree planting within Edinburgh managed by NHS Lothian through discussion with their estate team by 28 February 2023.
B	Work with NHS Lothian staff and volunteers to achieve planting of 1,000 trees by 31 March 2024.
	Aim
1.2	Work with housing associations with property in the city to identify areas of land that is available for tree planting.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of land for tree planting managed by Housing Associations in the city by 31 December 2022.
B	Work with factors, residents' associations, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 1,000 trees on Housing Association land by 31 March 2024.
	Aim
1.3	Work with private landowners around Dalmeny, Rosebery, etc, to identify areas of land that may be available for tree planting that is publicly accessible.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of land for tree planting managed by Dalmeny Estates in the city by 31 December 2022.
B	Identify available areas of land for tree planting managed by Rosebery Estate in the city by 31 December 2022.
C	Work with estate teams, factors, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 2,500 trees on publicly accessible estate land by 31 March 2024.
	Aim
1.4	Work internally to the Council to identify areas of land suitable for tree planting (e.g., Housing, Communities and Families, FM, Corporate Property, Place, etc).
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of Council land for tree planting by 31 December 2022.
B	Work with Council officers, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 10,000 trees on Council land by 31 March 2024.
	Aim
1.5	Work with private housing developers and Planning to increase the number of trees planted as part of future housing developments.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of land for tree planting by 31 December 2022.
B	Work with Housing developer, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 2,000 trees on developed land by 31 March 2024.

	Aim
1.6	Identify potential for additional tree planting in Council projects including tram extension, Neighbourhood Environmental Programme, roads and footway renewals, urban regeneration, etc.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify available areas of land for tree planting as part of the tram extension by 31 December 2022.
B	Work with tram team, ELGT, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 1,000 trees by 31 March 2024.
C	Identify available areas of land within Neighbourhood Environmental Programme for tree planting by 31 March 2023.
D	Work with residents' groups, contractor, ELGT, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 500 trees by 31 March 2024.
E	Identify available areas of land for tree planting in Capital Roads and Footway Renewals by 31 March 2023.
F	Work with Roads Operations, contractors, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 100 trees by 31 March 2024.
G	Identify available areas of land for tree planting in Urban Regeneration projects (e.g. new housing areas) by 31 March 2023.
H	Work with Housing Regeneration, community organisations and volunteers to achieve planting of 1,000 trees by 31 March 2024.
	Aim
1.7	Use tree giveaways to encourage residents to plant trees in their gardens.
	SMART Objectives
A	Work with community groups to giveaway free to local residents with gardens 10,000 trees by 30 April 2022.
B	Distribute 10,000 trees via pick up points and community groups.
C	Obtain a planting record for trees given away to residents by 30 April 2023.

Engage everyone

- Maximise opportunities to promote EMTC and its social, environmental, and economic benefits to citizens of the city.
- Engage and involve everyone in tree planting, care and maintenance as well as the benefits of trees.
- Promote ongoing interest in trees through citizen science.

	Aim
2.1	Promote EMTC at every opportunity.
	SMART Objectives
A	Develop communications plan for EMTC by 1 October 2022.
B	Engage with all identified community and interest groups involved in the current planting projects on the benefits of trees and provide tree care information by 30 April 2023.
C	Provide identified community groups online access to information on tree planting activities and develop contacts for participating in citizen science by 1 June 2023.
D	Achieve at least 100 volunteer hours in citizen science by 1 June 2024.
	Aim
2.2	Promotion of every planting event so that the public can participate.
	SMART Objectives
A	Publish online every tree planting event led by the Council and other planting events notified to the Council (e.g., Queen's Green Canopy, Wee Forests, etc.) at least one month in advance of each event.
B	Respond to all public enquiries regarding participating in tree planting activities in advance of the planned date of activity.
C	Arrange attendance by key partners and funders to share in planting events and opportunities prior to planting season (by 1 October 2022).
	Aim
2.3	Develop volunteering opportunities through partnerships with organisations including the Woodland Trust, The Conservation Volunteers, ELGT, EVOC, and other third sector organisations.
	SMART Objectives
A	Engage with every volunteer interested in tree planting and connect them to appropriate tree planting event for the 2023/24 planting season.
B	Create at least 4 tree planting event opportunities for volunteers through TCV & ELGT for the 2023/24 planting season.
C	Create at least 2 tree planting event opportunities for volunteers through EVOC and other third sector organisations for the 2023/24 planting season.

D	Create at least 2 tree planting event opportunities for volunteers through Woodland for the 2023/24 planting season.
	Aim
2.4	Make use of existing networks (e.g., friends, community groups, residents associations, schools) and campaigns to maximise impact of EMTC.
	SMART Objectives
A	Survey existing networks to create at least 5 ideas and opportunities to maximise impact of EMTC by 1 August 2023.
B	Develop at least 2 suitable campaigns to maximise impacts of EMTC through existing networks that cover wider area of the city by 1 October 2023.
	Aim
2.5	Develop tree warden scheme or other voluntary efforts that encourages local residents to adopt and look after trees in their neighbourhood.
	SMART Objectives
A	Develop tree warden scheme by 30 June 2023.
B	Operate tree warden scheme across the City involving a minimum of 20 volunteers by 31 December 2023.
C	Create online tree warden training module and train all volunteers by 31 December 2023.
	Aim
2.6	Create opportunities for citizen science to gather important information about tree health in the city.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify or create citizen science opportunities at 7 Wee Forest sites with local primary schools by 31 December 2023.
B	Establish network to communicate results between groups engaged in citizen science by 31 December 2023.

Increase tree numbers and improve ecosystem services

· Bolster ecosystem services throughout the city by tree planting in areas of deficiency.

· Build resilience to climate change effects by providing resilience for ecosystems around the city.

· Increase tree numbers across a variety of species to improve resiliency to pest and diseases.

	Aim
3.1	Prioritise key locations for planting identified by the Edinburgh Nature Network strategy with low ecosystem services.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify areas in Edinburgh with low ecosystem services from Nature Network strategy by 30 April 2023.
B	Prioritise 2 tree planting projects against low ecosystem locations by 31 May 2023 for planting in 2023/24.
C	Develop plan for further tree planting projects in other areas of low ecosystem services within the city by 1 October 2023.
	Aim
3.2	Ensure that at least 90% of the trees planted each year are native species.
	SMART Objectives
A	Record native species being planted at each location this planting season by 30 April 2023.
B	Require all tree planting designs to be funded by Woodland Trust comprise 100% native species.
C	At least 90% of trees planted using Council funds comprise native species.
	Aim
3.3	Plant sample plots of selected non-native trees from suitable southern regions that are properly acclimatised to assess ecosystem services.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify 2 sample plots for select non-native trees to assess ecosystem services by 30 April 2023.
B	Plant up 2 plots with non-native species and establish ecosystem recording processes and systems by 31 December 2023.
	Aim
3.4	Diversify planting to reduce impact of single impact pests and diseases.
	SMART Objectives
A	Require diversified species planting in all EMTC projects by 30 April 2023.
B	Record species mixes used in all tree planting projects to be in place by 30 April 2023.

Innovation and strategic influence

- Stretch the overarching aim of reaching 1 million trees in the city.
- Working with partners and other organisations to develop innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change.
- Use EMTC to promote activities that go above and beyond local policy or strategy requirements.

	Aim
4.1	Develop innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of climate change through the incorporation of elements of EMTC project.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify solutions to mitigate effect of climate change in the EMTC project by 31 December 2023.
B	Engage the EMTC Forum by 31 December 2023 to explore solutions to mitigate an effect of climate change.
C	Engage the EMTC Forum to explore opportunities for citizen science by 31 December 2023 to collate data appropriate data on native and non-native trees.
	Aim
4.2	Improve landscaping designs by housing developers to not only look at tree numbers but also canopy cover.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify with Planning by 30 April 2023 upcoming housing developments.
B	Engage with housing developers over increasing tree numbers and site tree canopy cover above Planning minimum standards.
C	Engage with East Craigs Housing developer by 30 April 2023 to agree increase tree number and canopy cover.
	Aim
4.3	Develop ambition to increase tree canopy cover and tree numbers to surpass the 1m tree target by 2030.
	SMART Objectives
A	Engage with Planning service by 1 December 2024 to determine a tree canopy cover target that surpasses 1m trees.
B	Identify tree canopy cover across the city.
C	Develop approach by 31 December 2024 to increase the tree canopy cover across the city each year.
D	Record annual tree planting totals by 30 April each year to 2030.
	Aim
4.4	Increase volume of urban woodland by 2030.
	SMART Objectives
A	Determine all woodland locations in Edinburgh by 30 April 2024.
B	Engage with Council's Planning and Biodiversity Officer by 30 April 2023 over development of new urban woodland in the city.
C	Develop approach by 31 August 2023 to increase the volume of urban woodland across the city.
D	Plant at least 5% of the identified area of new urban woodland by 31 March 2025.
	Aim
4.5	Develop learning from studies such as i-tree surveys to influence future development of EMTC
	SMART Objectives
A	Sample upto 20% of the same i-tree plots at each survey.
B	Incorporate in the EMTC project action plan steps to address issues unearthed by the i-tree survey by 30 March 2024.
C	Publish findings from i-tree survey online to promote learning of the benefits and value of trees in mitigating effects of climate change by 30 June 2024.
	Aim
4.6	Maximise opportunities to use funding, grants, resources, from various sources to support EMTC.
	SMART Objectives
A	Identify all opportunities to use funding, grants, and donations to EMTC by 31 December 2022.
B	Submit claims for funding for tree planting proposals that meet criteria/requirements from funding sources by 30 April 2023.
C	Use donations received from Community Benefits (derived from Council suppliers) towards objectives of EMTC that need to be met by 30 March 2023.
	Aim
4.7	Evaluate the benefits and virtues of EMTC to shape future policy and strategy within the city.
	SMART Objectives
A	Engage with Planning to evaluate and quantify ecosystem benefits of tree planting by 31 December 2030.
B	Incorporate ecosystem benefits of tree planting in Council policy and strategic plans by 31 December 2030.
C	Develop appropriate targets for ongoing increase in tree canopy cover in the city by 31 December 2030.