

**QUESTION NO 16**

**By Councillor Whyte for answer by  
the Convener of the Transport and  
Environment Committee at a meeting  
of the Council on 21 March 2024**

Following the work on Trams to Newhaven, “Spaces for People” and other projects a large number of planters have been placed on Edinburgh’s streets including within the World Heritage Site.

**Question**           **(1)**    Does the Council have a complete inventory of street planter assets? If so can this please be published? If not, can one please be produced?

The inventory should provide a list of streets, the number of planters located in those streets, a description of the materials they are made of (wood, metal, mixed), the date they were ‘installed’, the project or funding stream that initially purchased them (i.e. how they came to be there) and whether they are regarded as a permanent or temporary feature of the public realm.

**Answer**           **(1)**

**Question**           **(2)**    Has a list of all street planters, particularly those which are blocking roads, been shared or is continuously available in an up to date form with the emergency services?

**Answer**           **(2)**

**Question**           **(3)**    What is the total cost to the taxpayer of acquiring street planters (both Council and other public funding including through methods such as Sustrans)?

**Answer**           **(3)**

**Question**           **(4)**    How many street planters are located within the World Heritage Site area?

**Answer**           **(4)**

**Question** (5) Is there an agreed City of Edinburgh Council design or style for street planters? When and how was that agreed and what engagement took place with local communities and Edinburgh World Heritage? If there is not, how are designs chosen?

**Answer** (5)

**Question** (6) How many of the street planters which City of Edinburgh Council is responsible for are actually planted with any flowers, shrubs or trees and what method is used to ensure species chosen are suitable for such planting?

**Answer** (6)

**Question** (7) When will those street planters that are not currently planted up be completed with a planting scheme?

**Answer** (7)

**Question** (8) What is the weeding and replanting plan/regime and performance standards for the street planters? Have communities been consulted/involved in determining this?

**Answer** (8)

**Question** (9) Who is responsible and accountable for the maintenance of the street planters including initial planting and future maintenance of planting? What are their performance standards and objectives in relation to these assets?

**Answer** (9)

**Question** (10) How can members of the public or Councillors report problems with planters including broken and damaged items and lack of planting or the need for weeding and what is the performance standard for responding to reports of failures with our street planter assets?

**Answer** (10)