

REQUEST	14220 - TREES	RESPONSE
<p>I am requesting the following information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 from the council.</p> <p>Please tell me whether the council has undertaken any tree planting schemes as part of its work to tackle climate change and/or help reach net zero or improve air quality. Time period – from 2015. Please tell me:-</p>		
1) When the tree planting scheme took place		<p>On 17th July 2019, Wigan Council acknowledged the climate and environmental crisis by declaring a climate emergency and planting more trees is one of the targets set out in its Climate Change Strategy. Between the period 1 January 2020 and 30 September 2022, Wigan Council and its partners at City of Trees planted a total of 69,401 trees.</p>
2) How many trees were planted		<p>69,401 of which 40,467 were planted by Wigan Council and 28,934 were planted by external partners at City of Trees.</p>
3) How much the scheme cost		<p>The total cost of the trees planted by Wigan Council is estimated at £171,129. We do not have access to financial information relating to the tree planting delivered by City of Trees, who have sourced the funding from external sources.</p>
4) How many trees are still surviving		<p>Wigan Council does not have accurate information on how many of the trees planted are surviving but would estimate that 98% of our trees have survived based on routine site observations. External funding that has been secured by our partners at City of Trees covers the initial 5 years establishment of the trees, including where necessary the replacement of dead trees, and during the first 15 years any thinning or pruning works that might be needed to ensure that the trees do not compete with each other for space and light.</p>