

Formal Council Questions and Responses

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1 Question to the Cabinet Member for Sustainable Development: 2020/05 - Carbon Management Plan

Councillor White asked:

In addition to the proposals included in the Carbon Management Plan, have the Council considered doubling the tree cover in Newport?

This initiative has been adopted by several Councils, notably in England and it would be to Newport's credit if they were the first in Wales.

This is a link to some comments on the scheme for your information.

<https://takeclimateaction.uk/resources/how-double-tree-cover-your-area-briefing-councillors>

Councillor Davies responded:

The Council's existing tree policies (adopted in 2015) confirm the continuation of the Council's Green Lung policy, with a focus on:

- New planting of appropriate tree species on existing public open spaces, strategic corridors and gateway sites across the city
- Development mitigation through like for like replacement and additional planting compensation where feasible
- Direct management of the city's tree stock to maintain a balance, and
- Community involvement to support community groups in planting programmes

This confirms our commitment to increase the city's tree cover. Officers are also currently mapping Newport's tree stock via the digital 'I-tree' project to further assist in the future management of our tree resource.