

Appendix 1

TREE PLAN UPDATES

1. Clyde Climate Forest Priority Neighbourhoods

The following actions have been completed in 2025/26 within the Clyde Climate Forest priority neighbourhoods:

- 61 standard trees planted at 6 sites in the Govan Ward.
- 21 standard trees planted at 5 sites in the Calton Ward.
- 1150 woodland whips planted at 2 sites in the Levern and District Target Neighbourhood.

Community engagement to identify opportunities for community-led planting in the Govan and Calton wards are underway in partnership with The Conservation Volunteers Scotland and local Housing Associations.

Planting of 104 standard trees at 6 sites in Govan Ward and 20 standard trees in the Calton Ward are included in the Green Connectors tree planting contract for 2026/27.

Three sites for creation of approximately 2 ha of new woodland have been identified in the Levern and District and Possilpark target neighbourhoods.

2. Development and Tree Canopy Cover

2.1 The following table indicates the net impact of development proposals on the number of trees on sites where planning permission has been granted is provided.

2.2 The higher number of trees being planted than removed suggests that planning policies are helping to achieve a net increase in tree numbers and support net zero greenhouse gas emissions and wider climate change mitigation ambitions. This conclusion, however, should be tempered with the following issues:

- not all applications which are granted planning permission result in development, and approved developments can be started at any point within three years of permission being granted;
- increasing the number of trees planted does not necessarily lead to an immediate contribution towards climate change mitigating and wider environmental improvements. This is because mature trees provide greater ecological, landscape and carbon benefits than young saplings, therefore the loss of mature trees is not necessarily immediately offset by new planting. The establishment and survival of newly planted trees is therefore crucial and highlights the importance of ongoing, fully funded, maintenance plans/schedules.

		Existing Trees/Groups	Trees/Groups Lost	Trees/Groups Planted	Net Change
1 Jan- 31 Jan 2023	Individual Trees	1053	710	694	-16
	Groups	17	7	-	-7

1 Jan-31 July 2024	Individual Trees	1583	281	823	542
	Groups	9	4	-	-5
1 Aug 24 – 31 July 2025	Individual Trees	3085	365	811	446
	Groups	-	-	-	-

2.3 The table includes ‘groups’ due to the difficulty in clearly identifying the number of individual trees from information provided in some applications for planning permission. It should be noted that the statistics within the table cover different lengths of time and are therefore not directly comparable. As NPF4 came into effect in mid-February 2023 its impact on applications for planning permission is largely reflected in the above figures. The table does, however, suggest the net change in tree numbers may reflect the characteristics of the development site, the number of trees it supports, the design of the proposed development and the opportunities for compensatory planting either on-site or on alternative sites.

3. Tree Plan Actions

Action number	Action	Progress to date
1	To increase Glasgow’s canopy cover from the 2020 figure of 16.1% to 17.1% over a 10-year period, by planting trees across the city’s land holdings.	Trees planted to April 2025 would bring us, once they are fully grown, to 16.53%.
2	To identify additional parcels of land, across the city’s land holdings, which are potentially suitable for tree planting over the next 10 years.	Planting sites have been reviewed and updated alongside the development of CDP2. A map showing proposed woodland creation sites set out within CDP2 is given at Figure 1. A further 121 sites across all wards have been identified for Green Connectors tree planting in the 2026/27 planting season.
3	Raise the target set out in Action 1 by developing mechanisms to leverage in further funding to support tree planting, through charitable giving, corporate social responsibility, business sponsorship etc.	Funding has been raised via Municipal Community Investment-Healthy School and Care Streets Programme, Corporate Social Responsibility and Trees For Streets tree sponsorship- trees planted through these programmes will be reported as part of future reporting.
4	Raise the target set out in Action 1 by working with communities, stakeholders, funders, other landowners, and corporate volunteering programmes to promote further opportunities for tree-planting	Additional tree planting sites have been identified in the Clyde Climate Forest target areas by working in partnership with Wheatley Group and local Housing Associations.

	across the city on land out with the GCC Estate, informed by the Forestry and Woodland Strategy.	
5	To identify sites suitable for low-cost tree and woodland natural regeneration through, e.g. seed dispersal.	Partnerships with voluntary organisations and volunteers to deliver tree planting and natural regeneration at low cost. We are updating mapping of grassland management to identify areas of no cut, and can use this mapping to monitor natural succession to woodland.
6	To align new tree planting to the aims of the Glasgow's Local Biodiversity Action Plan (LBAP), Open Space Strategy (GOSS), Pollinator Plan, Clyde Climate Forest and Climate Plan, Seven Lochs Wetland Park and other relevant policies and strategies.	This has been undertaken for tree planting from 2022/23 to 2026/27.
7	To develop and propose methodologies for the creation and establishment of new woodland areas.	In 2025/26 we trialled a new methodology using a handheld mechanical ground auger to support tree planting by volunteers. This is being reviewed with voluntary sector partners and will be used where appropriate in future planting.
8	To identify the resources required to plant and manage these woodlands as community resources for current and future generations.	We continue to deliver tree planting in partnership with volunteers supported by TCV / CCF. CCF also support a Tree Warden scheme to help develop a group of skilled / knowledgeable volunteers to support tree planting and tree maintenance. For larger woodland creation projects we will continue to include public access improvements and infrastructure to enable community and educational use of woodlands.
9	Support new 'pocket' or 'wee' forests throughout the city and support the delivery of the Clyde Climate Forest.	Six 'Wee Forests' were planted in 2022. We continue to use the Green Connectors project to deliver pocket woodlands within amenity greenspaces.
10	Signposting of funding support, resources and opportunities which support community woodlands.	Information of funding for tree planting / woodland creation is included on the Glasgow Tree Plan website. We circulate a weekly funding bulletin – including funding for tree planting / woodland creation – to a mailing list of GCC officers, third sector partners and community groups.

11	Provide professional management, guidance, and advice across all woodland matters to those involved in development, establishment, maintenance and usage of them.	We continue to provide advice to a range of stakeholders as required.
12	To develop and maintain an interactive GCC webpage that will hold appropriate digital mapping for Glasgow's existing and the potential new woodland creation sites. This will be the primary gateway for many wishing to develop and support woodlands in Glasgow.	See Glasgow Tree Plan We have also worked with GCC GIS Service to develop a webmapping tool to capture spatial information in tree planting and woodland creation. This is now being tested and will be used to update the Tree Plan website in Q3 of 2026.
13	To provide a route for communities and individuals to nominate as potential tree planting locations.	The Glasgow Tree Plan website provides a mechanism to propose locations for new tree planting. The Trees for Streets sponsorship scheme launched in July 2025 offers a mechanism for individuals and businesses to support tree planting at suitable locations in their local area.
14	To undertake periodic reviews of the action plan and report on progress to committee.	The action plan is reviewed annually as part of the preparation of this committee report.
15	To monitor and assess progress of woodland creation, management and community participation across all areas utilising SIMD classification as framework.	City-wide tree planting had sought to identify planting sites within the 20% most deprived neighbourhoods as measured by the SIMD. The CCF priority neighbourhoods are also aligned with more deprived neighbourhoods. Improved mapping of tree planting and woodland creation in 2026 will allow reporting against SIMD classifications.
16	Support partner organisations to develop a tree nursery so we can nurture the saplings, of local provenance, which we would then plant across the city and supply to the wider Glasgow Conurbation while also providing training and employment opportunities via a social enterprise.	Site enabling works have been completed. A partnership with TCV Scotland and Barmulloch Community Development Company has been established to develop the operational approach to the tree nursery. An initial funding application to the Urban Forestry Challenge Fund was unsuccessful, and further funding bids will be submitted to a range of funders, given that this meets a range of funding objectives
17	Where appropriate, work with communities to utilise Vacant and Derelict Land funding to bring self-seeded woodland that has established on VDL sites into active woodland management, as informed	The Cadder Woods project in partnership with Green Action Trust (GAT) has brought 14ha of woodland on V+DL into active management. The Milton Discovery Wood project, also in partnership with GAT, will bring

	by the Forestry and Woodland Strategy.	a further 3ha of V+DL into active management.
18	To develop a policy on the replacement of trees, on suitable sites, when they are lost to damage, tree health or removal, including delivery of compensatory tree planting funded as a result of Development, as highlighted in the Council Strategic Plan as informed by the emerging Forestry and Woodland Strategy.	See section 8 of the report
19	To expand on the delivery of street trees within the public realm as part of public realm and active travel projects.	See Section 5 of the report. A further 13 trees in large planters were delivered on Ingram St / Queen St in July 2026. Test pits have taken place at 5 locations in the Merchant City to assess suitability for tree planting.
20	Utilise the mechanisms of City Development Plan, as informed by the Glasgow Open Space Strategy and the Forestry and Woodland Strategy, to promote the planting of trees and woodlands.	See Figure 1

Figure 1 – CDP2 Proposed Woodland Creation Sites

