

**COUNCIL MEETING 10 JUNE 2021**

**Item 5 – Public Questions Received under Standing Order 27.5**

	<b>Question From</b>	<b>Question to</b>	
1	Roger Mullenger	Cllr Mocatta	<p>During the Climate Emergency debate in 2019 Cllr Millard stated, and I quote “a tree will be given to every resident to plant as they wish”. This was later changed to a more realistic and good objective of EHDC planting one tree for each resident in East Hampshire – a total of about 120,000 trees. This has since been reaffirmed.</p> <p>In the last two years EHDC has planted or assisted in the planting of approximately 280 trees. In the 20/21 season EHDC only planted, itself, 45 trees. This data is from two FOI requests, covering the last two planting seasons. At this rate about another 850 years will be required to reach the target. What steps are planned to increase the rate of planting? How much of the budget earmarked for climate will be spent on tree planting or encouraging others to do so? I note the last years climate ‘reserve’ was not actually spent.</p>