



Central Scotland Green Network

Declaration



We acknowledge that

We must have places that are nationally and internationally competitive if we want our communities to thrive in the future.

Our environment makes a vital contribution to our economic wellbeing, our health and our quality of life.

We need to improve our environment so that it delivers all that it can for the people who live and work in Central Scotland.

Change at the scale proposed can only take place over a long period with sustained resourcing.



We welcome

The Government's commitment to the Central Scotland Green Network as expressed through its inclusion as a National Development in Scotland's National Planning Framework.

The green network concept as set out in the Central Scotland Green Network Vision.

The opportunity the creation of the green network provides to deliver our economic, social and environmental aims.

The opportunity to develop and enhance our partnerships with other Local Authorities, National Agencies, National Governmental Organisations and communities in delivering green network ambitions.



We commit from this date to

Adhere to the principles expressed in the Central Scotland Green Network Vision.

Embed the green network in all relevant policies, strategies and plans.

Develop and enhance our partnership work to realise the green network.

Support the work of Lothians & Fife Green Network Partnership as part of the Council's commitment to the green network principles of partnership working.

Ensure the green network is integrated, as appropriate, into development plans, development frameworks, masterplans and design briefs.

Enhance connections between places in towns and countryside areas in a manner that can be used by both people and wildlife.

Identify opportunities and priority areas for green network enhancement to target available resources and facilitate its delivery.