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 CSGN as expressed through its inclusion as a National Development in Scotland’s National Planning Framework.

The CSGN concept, as set out in the CSGN Vision.

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

The opportunity to develop and enhance our partnerships with other Local Authorities, National Agencies, NGOs and communities in delivering CSGN ambitions.

We commit from this date to

Adhere to the CSGN principles expressed in the CSGN Vision.

Embed the principles of the CSGN in relevant policies, strategies and plans - most notably in Single Outcome Agreements, Community Plans and development plans.

Through the Lanarkshire Greenspace and Wellbeing Partnership, work with NHS Lanarkshire, and other partners to improve physical and mental health by developing access to good quality, natural green spaces and encouraging outdoor recreation.

Develop and maintain support for community engagement in the management of local greenspaces, and develop and support environmental volunteering opportunities.

Develop and improve qualitative measures for urban greenspace that link its management to outcomes for improving public health, wellbeing and sustainable economic development.

Work with developers to take advantage of business and residential development opportunities to link and extend existing greenspaces and paths to maintain and develop access to natural greenspace and the wider countryside.