



Central Scotland Green Network

# Declaration



## East Lothian Council acknowledges 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 CSGN in all relevant policies, strategies and plans, particularly in our Single Outcome Agreements, Community Plans and Development Plans.

Develop and enhance our partnership work to realise the CSGN.

Ensure the green network is an integral part of the Spatial Strategy and relevant policy areas of the East Lothian Local Development Plan.

Ensure the green network is integrated into masterplans, development frameworks and design briefs for relevant development proposals.

Ensure that relevant development proposals contribute towards the provision and/or consolidation of green networks in a proportionate way, consistent with the scale and nature of the development.

Support the work of the Lothian & Fife Green Network partnership as part of the Council's commitment to the CSGN principles of partnership working.

Support attractive, networked greenspaces, both urban and rural, that are easily accessible to people living and working in East Lothian.

Support a network of paths for active walking, cycling, horse riding and recreation to support healthy lifestyles and benefit the local economy by providing tourism business opportunities.