



Central Scotland Green Network

Declaration



We acknowledge that

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

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

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



We welcome

The Scottish 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 and embed these in relevant policies, strategies and plans, e.g. Single Outcome Agreement, Fife Community Plan and Fife Council Plan.

Audit all vacant and derelict land within the Fife CSGN area and examine the feasibility of improving biodiversity and recreation.

Use the Integrated Habitat Network tool for the delivery of CSGN priorities in planning.

Promote and support community growing initiatives and encourage the development of rural skills training in partnership with local communities and other agencies.

Continue to develop and manage routes for public access, including the Core Path Network, Fife Coastal Path, cycleways and the proposed Pilgrim's Route.

Finalise new Green Infrastructure Supplementary Planning Guidance for open space and new development planning processes.

Improve access to life-enhancing green spaces through the implementation of Fife's Green Space Strategy.

Maintain and improve access to Fife's beaches and demonstrate the quality of these facilities through an ongoing commitment to securing Seaside Awards and Blue Flags.

Deliver duties under the Nature Conservation (Scotland) Act 2004 to further the conservation of biodiversity and adopt the goals of the UN Strategic Plan for Biodiversity 2011-2020.

Integrate the Government's 'ecosystem approach' to decisions affecting land use.

Manage, conserve and enhance the biodiversity and countryside of Fife in partnership with the Fife Coast & Countryside Trust, LFGNP and other partners.

Identify and protect green networks in key settlements in Fife and identify opportunities for their enhancement through the relevant Local Development Plan.

