

green/open space references in 2008 SOAs

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Aberdeen	10	We are committed to delivering sustainable new communities around Aberdeen over the next 5 years and beyond. A concept which suggests we are custodians of or important <b>green spaces</b> and valued areas so that they can be enjoyed by future generations is at the heart of this. Whilst doing so, it is vital that we provide the framework to satisfy the needs of the current generation to ensure that Aberdeen continues to thrive as a City	Neighbourhood Planning delivers quality of life improvements at a local level (Community Plan).	% of adult residents stating their neighbourhood as a 'very good' or 'fairly good' place to live.	Annual / National Menu /Aberdeen City Council (Scottish Household Survey)		
	12	We are renowned for our Award winning floral displays, outstanding <b>parks</b> and gardens and innovative approaches to Climate Change. Its environment is dominated by the North Sea and the Rivers Dee and Don. As a compact city of 71.22 square miles (184.46 km <sup>2</sup> ). We are fortunate to have close access to <b>greenspaces</b> , woodland and the natural environment.	Aberdeen's <b>natural and built environment</b> is protected and the City play's its part in protecting our planet	the mean <b>greenspace scotland</b> quality score for Aberdeen	Annual / ACC	adopt and implement policies which safeguard Aberdeen's green belt and green wedges; work with partners to improve standard of <b>green space</b> land; improve environmental quality by continuing to support "Aberdeen in Bloom"	
Aberdeenshire	10		10.3 people in Aberdeenshire have access to recreational opportunities in well maintained <b>public spaces</b>	visitor numbers at country parks	service indicator (annual)		
Angus	12		The importance and benefits to society of the environment is recognised			develop a plan for improving and maintaining the <b>parks and open spaces</b> in Angus	
Clackmannanshire	10 12 14		the environment is protected and enhanced for all			local actions: (2) create quality environments now and for the benefit of future generations	
Dundee	10	Dundee has 28% of its urban area as <b>parks</b> and <b>green spaces</b> and 7 out of 10 residents visit them every month	Regenerate communities and create stable, attractive and popular neighbourhoods throughout the city  Dundee will have stable, attractive and popular neighbourhoods throughout the city	increase resident satisfaction with the quality of and access to local services, facilities and environment	annually		
	12	Dundee City has a wide diversity of <b>public open spaces</b> covering 1393 ha, which accounts for 28% of the urban area	To develop Dundee in a way that safeguard the future of the environment in the city	...increase attainment of <b>green flags (parks)</b>	annually	review and develop Dundee's <b>Public Open Space Strategy</b>	
East Ayrshire	10		attractiveness of communities improved	percentage of adults who rate their town or village as a good place to live	community planning residents' survey (every 3 years)	undertake an <b>open space/ park</b> improvement programme	
	12		the natural and built environment through sustainable development improved	total amount of hectares of derelict and vacant urban land additional hectares given over to new woodland planting	annual/ East Ayrshire Council annual / Forestry Commission		provide funding to enable habitat surveys of all local nature reserves and provisional wildlife sites
East Dunbartonshire	10		East Dunbartonshire has an improved infrastructure...	square metres of new and improved <b>public realm</b>	tba		
	12	EDC is implementing a <b>Greenspace Strategy</b> which embraces the wider policy agenda and the connections between the urban environment and the health and aspirations of the local community. The quality of our <b>greenspaces</b> is being upgraded to ensure that the benefits and opportunities associated with the urban environment, environment and wildlife, access and recreation and people and play are delivered and contribute to urban regeneration, social inclusion, community development, environment, ecology, education, lifelong learning, heritage, culture, health and wellbeing	A more attractive and sustainable natural environment	number of urban <b>greenspaces</b> improved (in consultation with local communities)	annual /greenspace audit/ EDC	improve local <b>greenspaces</b> in line with the East Dunbartonshire Greenspace Strategy	
East Lothian	12		the natural and built environment will be protected and enhanced	increase to 95% the proportion of protected nature sites in favourable condition		prepare measures to improve the quality of the urban environment including Conservation Area enhancement, improvement to the <b>public realm</b> and strategies to make town centres more attractive and distinctive	

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East Renfrewshire	10 12 14	...surveys and focus group research have shown that local residents value the high quality environment in East Renfrewshire and that access to <b>green open spaces</b> are one of the main assets that make East Renfrewshire a good place to live and provide a good quality of life					
Edinburgh	10	The design and layout of existing <b>public space</b> and new development has a crucial role in ensuring that residents can access workplaces, and local facilities and services, particularly on foot, by cycle, or on public transport. The appearance and 'sense of place' is also important not only in its own right but also in encouraging travel by sustainable modes	The number of people who are satisfied with their neighbourhood increases	satisfaction with the local neighbourhood as a place to live		prepare a ' <b>public realm</b> strategy'	
	12	The Council's Corporate Asset Management Plan (AMP) will seek to further protect the natural environment and city region <b>green space</b> in cooperation with planning colleagues and city partners Capital projects are designed within the context of master plans which recognise the importance of <b>green space</b> in maintaining and developing the city's biodiversity We are also committed to improving the infrastructure and standard of maintenance in <b>parks, gardens and open spaces</b>	There are more attractive and accessible <b>green spaces</b> across the city  The development of a quality built and natural environment is well supported	number of parks achieving <b>Green Flag</b> Award standard  citywide average satisfaction with <b>parks and green spaces</b>			The Parks and Greenspace service currently receives grant aid from Scottish Natural Heritage to run the Pentland Hills and Edinburgh Countryside Ranger service. Due to SOA arrangements, SNH has indicated that they can no longer fund these services from 1 <sup>st</sup> April 2009. This will severely prejudice our ability to run regional park and countryside ranger functions from that date. The Scottish Government is asked to consider this is future funding allocations.
Falkirk	1	As well as developing the tourist infrastructure the Council and British Waterways, along with Central Scotland Forest Trust, are in the development phase of the Helix which will create a new stretch of canal ... as well as new <b>park</b> and <b>green space</b> between Falkirk and Grangemouth	Improve the image and quality of the physical environment including town centres				
	12		Our <b>open spaces</b> will be attractive accessible and safe  Improving the quality of the built and natural environment for local neighbourhoods			maintaining the balance between <b>open spaces</b> and new developments improving our <b>open spaces</b> and <b>parks</b> implementing our <b>open spaces</b> strategy developing a playground and <b>parks</b> development and maintenance strategy developing our Helix project and other <b>parks</b> projects	Scottish Government to amend financial legislation to allow Councils to invest developer contributions for continuing support for revenue activity such as maintenance of bus services and <b>open spaces</b>
	14	Our vision is for Falkirk Council area communities to become dynamic and sustainable communities with a good quality of life resulting from a healthy environment, prosperous economy and inclusive society	We will be greener  Demonstrate commitment and direct contribution to the attainment and promotion of sustainable development			ensuring the safety of our estates and <b>green spaces</b> continuing to improve our paths network and <b>open spaces</b>	
Fife	10		To be the Leading Green Council in Scotland	Customer satisfaction with <b>parks, open spaces</b> and countryside	biennial residents survey		
	12		Better local environments and a sustainable natural heritage	number of community owned and community managed rural <b>green spaces</b>		Develop and support <b>green spaces</b> across Fife to ensure quality accessible play opportunities for all children Develop <b>Greenspace</b> Strategy and the Core Path Plan and implement action which develops our <b>green spaces</b> and ensures effective management of our extensive network of Core Paths	

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Glasgow	10	Improving the quality and range of housing, residential neighbourhoods and environments through good sustainable design and at strategic locations helps Glasgow develop its status as a major European City	(24) Improve Glasgow's physical environment and infrastructure (11) Improve the attractiveness of Glasgow as a place to live, invest, work and visit (13) increase the proportion of residents involved in physical activity (23) improve residents' aspirations, confidence and decision making capacity and involvement in community life	City's cultural and sporting infrastructure sports pitch provision			
	12	Improving the environment of neighbourhoods is important for encouraging communities to make full use of local services, assisting to improve perceptions about safety, bringing benefits for health and social interaction, and fostering greater pride in their neighbourhoods  The cleanliness and safety of the city is a key issue for local people and we believe that by tackling environmental problems, we can enhance the appearance of local communities and improve citizens' quality of life, while at the same time eliminating "signal crime", which encourages more serious problems in neighbourhoods  Poor quality environments and higher rates of anti-social behaviour are linked  During 2006/07 there were major works at 6 woodland and 18 grassland sites...	as above (24), (11) and (23), plus (4) reduce the impact and incidence of anti-social behaviour	biodiversity          increase 'Friends of Parks' groups across the city	GCC LES annual performance report      GCC project report / annual	local targets: complete 5 new grassland/wildflower meadow projects 3 pond creation/ naturalisation   21 groups in 2008 / 25 groups in 2009	
	14		(24) Improve Glasgow's physical environment and infrastructure	Environment element of Commonwealth Games Bid	GCC /annual	During 2008/9 the Council Environment Working Group will put plans in place targets on biodiversity, <b>green space</b> , air quality, waste and renewable energy	
Highland	10	The Plans will be implemented to ensure ... better quality <b>open spaces</b> and higher standards of design in our residential areas					
	15	The Council identifies areas for improvement in service delivery from: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Customer feedback ...high levels of satisfaction consistently found with ... <b>public parks</b> and <b>open spaces</b> (top 10 services for satisfaction)</li></ul>					
Inverclyde	12		(8) Inverclyde is a place where people want to live now whilst at the same time safeguarding the environment for future generations	increased satisfaction with Inverclyde as a place to live	annual survey / citizens panel	Initiatives to support this outcome: Greenspace Plans/ strategies to support this outcome: Green Network / Local Greenspace Partnerships	
	14		as above	as above	as above	as above	
Midlothian	12		We will contribute to the maintenance and enhancement of the built and natural heritage of Midlothian				
Moray	12		The natural environment will be maintained, protected and developed for the benefit of the Moray community and to support tourism to increase  The development of a quality built and natural environment with amenities for young people will increase	Cleanliness index   No of football pitches	LEAMS   confirmed database for land and parks	Natural environment: encourage and assist local people, organisations and businesses to protect and improve the environment carry out <b>open space</b> audits Amenities for young people: consider requiring developers to provide football pitches in new developments	

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North Ayrshire	12	The Council's 2007 household Survey revealed that the top three actions the Council should prioritise for the area as a whole ... was "ensure that streets and other open spaces are litter free" [2 of 3]. The surveys underline the importance of "public realm" services... The management of <b>open spaces, parks</b> , woodlands, fauna and flora to enhance the natural and built environment is ongoing to meet the requirements of the Scottish Strategy for Parks and Open Spaces, the Council's Play Strategy and Action Plan and the Ayrshire Biodiversity Action Plan.	Our environment is protected and enhanced	Overall cleanliness index (LEAMS)  Ground maintenance standard and quality (LAMS)			
North Lanarkshire	12	We are committed to improving and sustaining our natural and built environment, ensuring it is protected, cared for and looked after. We have a long term commitment to provide accessible and high quality <b>open spaces</b> across our communities. Our public <b>parks</b> and <b>open spaces</b> will be safe, well-cared for and accessible. We will maintain traffic-free footpaths and routes, cycle paths, <b>green spaces</b> and key recreational sites.	Improved quality of our built and managed landscapes through measures including environmental design guidance  The extent and quality of environmentally designated sites is maintained	percentage of residents stating their neighbourhood is 'good' or 'very good' place to live  maintain extent and quality of designated sites	NLC residents' survey	Produce first stage practical Design Guidance to encourage good practice in the care and development of the built and natural environment and so foster a sense of place	
	10		above outcomes also contribute to this N.O.				
Perth & Kinross	10 12 14		(13) Our area will have a sustainable natural and built environment				
Renfrewshire	4	We engage with our young people through consultation and focus groups to deliver improved facilities in <b>parks</b> and play areas					
	6	<b>Parks</b> , pitches, play areas and maintained <b>open spaces</b> are available across Renfrewshire for our citizens to utilise and enjoy					
	12	Although Renfrewshire is an urban authority, there are local and country <b>parks</b> , pitches, play areas and maintained <b>open spaces</b> are available across Renfrewshire for our citizens to utilise and enjoy. The appearance of the local area is important to our residents and the positive health and well-being benefits of living in an attractive, clean, pleasant and peaceful area can significantly enhance quality of life				Investment to improve <b>Greenspace</b> sites and enhance the <b>green network</b>	
	13	A range of health improvement initiatives impact on physical activity and well being. These include ... <b>Parks</b> Strategy					
Scottish Borders	10	Challenges in the Scottish Borders include ... continuing investment to maintain and improve the public infrastructure (buildings, bridges, roads, <b>parks</b> and <b>open spaces</b> , flood and waste management)  New guidance is being developed to identify and enable opportunities for new strategic <b>open space</b> to be created, protected, enhanced and managed		area of <b>open space</b> protected through Local Plan  percentage of Borders residents satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live			
South Ayrshire	11	Key challenges facing South Ayrshire ... <i>Promote civic pride</i> – The area's future rests on remaining an attractive place to live in or visit. As such, we much maintain the richness and diversity of <b>public open spaces</b> ...	(11) to promote civic pride by ensuring well-kept <b>open spaces</b> and buildings developing a strong sense of identity and responsibility among communities in the area	number of hectares of <b>parks</b> and <b>open spaces</b> per 100,000 population percentage of the population rating their neighbourhood as very good			
	12	Maintaining the quality of its beaches and the landscape inland is important as regards developing tourism. At the same time, it is vital to ensure the quality of the built environment	(13) conserve and enhance our natural and built environment	percentage of protected nature sites street cleanliness index			

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South Lanarkshire	9		Improve the quality of the physical environment	increase the proportion of residents in SLC stating their local neighbourhood is a very good or fairly good place to live		Continued investment in community facilities, environmental improvements, <b>parks</b> , play and sports development, and pride of place schemes led by local communities in addressing key local issues	
	10		Improve the quality, access and availability of housing			<b>Green and blue corridors</b> are features for the developments, with strong provision of <b>open space</b> for community interaction, health, recreation, biodiversity and active travel	
	12		as above, plus: increasing health and increasing physical activity			Improving the quality of the physical environment is one of the 11 objectives detailed in <i>Connect</i> , the Council Plan	
Stirling	6 11		Strategic topic 4 : <i>we will make Stirling a place with improved wellbeing, adding life to years</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>more opportunities for people to lead healthier lifestyles</li> <li>safer communities</li> </ul> Strategic theme B: <i>encouraging participation and responsibility</i>	residents satisfied with their neighbourhood		Encouraging well being and healthy lifestyle through... implementing an <b>Open Space</b> strategy to improve <b>public open spaces</b> where sports, leisure and other activities take place Providing better access to and improved use of <b>open space</b> across the Council area	
	12		Strategic topic 5: <i>we will make Stirling a place with a quality environment</i> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>improved public realm</li> <li>protected and enhanced natural and built environment</li> </ul> Strategic theme C: <i>we will make Stirling more sustainable</i>			An improved <b>public realm</b> through ... implementation of a comprehensive <b>Open Space</b> strategy, including <b>parks</b> and public play areas	The need for Keep Scotland Beautiful and Local Authorities to develop better indicators on the quality of the local environment
West Dunbartonshire	6					Develop <b>Open Space</b> strategy which will review <b>green</b> and <b>open spaces</b> to improve their quality and increase recreational use	
	12	Cleanliness of the area is improving and is above the national average, however the state and appearance of streetscapes, play and recreation areas, <b>green/open spaces</b> and town centres need further improvement	increase the proportion of protected nature sites in favourable condition ( <i>This relates to Corporate Objective to Protect and <b>enhance green and open spaces</b> and the natural environment</i> )  improve the state of West Dunbartonshire's environment	cleanliness index percentage of Citizens Panel respondents who are satisfied or very satisfied with the physical appearance of their area		Implement <b>Green/Open Space</b> audit	
	14					Develop allotment strategy as part of <b>open space</b> strategy	

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West Lothian	1		(A) All people in West Lothian live in balanced, well-designed, sustainable communities where they can access the high quality amenities and services they need (E) Our economy is strengthened through an improved range and quality of businesses and increased economic participation			Ensuring <b>open space</b> strategy secures and guides the sufficiency of <b>open space</b> for communities	
	10		(A) All people in West Lothian live in balanced, well-designed, sustainable communities where they can access the high quality amenities and services they need	percentage fairly or very satisfied with their neighbourhood as a place to live		Ensuring sufficiency of <b>open space</b> for communities through planning process and integration of land usage with planning/ education/ sport and leisure	
	11		all local outcomes contribute to this national outcome			Introduction of <b>open space</b> and outdoor sports facilities strategy	
	12		(A) All people in West Lothian live in balanced, well-designed, sustainable communities where they can access the high quality amenities and services they need	percentage stating <b>open spaces</b> well maintained		West Lothian Council has worked with partners and communities to agree and <b>Open Space</b> and Outdoor Sports Strategy, which meets the objectives of PAN 56 and SPP11. Significant resources have been allocated (£23.5M over the next 10 years) to provide equality of access to facilities such as <b>neighbourhood parks</b> . high quality play areas, all weather sports pitches and multi use games areas	