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## EU Goals for Nature based solutions.

- urban regeneration
- improved wellbeing
- building coastal resilience
- understanding ecosystem management
- sustainable use of materials & energy
- enhanced insurance value of IGI solutions
- carbon sequestration.



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## Nature based Solutions

Completely aligns with current policy in CDP and all associated documents including:

- GOSS
- MGSDP
- CSGN/ GCVGN
- City Region City Deal
- Resilience Strategy
- Climate Ready Clyde
- River Strategy / Clyde Waterfront
- Transformation programme – Transforming the City
- City Centre Strategy



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## Project Overview - GCC role

Complex problem to embed NBS in urban planning policy

**Glasgow** chosen as front runner city because:



- We're recognised as trying to understand the implications of a changing climate
- Collaborative & innovative in relation to NBS
- We try to deal with blue / grey / green spaces across departments, disciplines and partners. Working with MGSDP, CSGN, GCVGN, Greenspace Scotland, SNIFFER etc
- Our NBS projects are now at a scale that they are impacting positively on policy, however the project will allow us to iteratively improve our data; monitoring; policies and opportunity mapping
- We support bottom up / top down solutions – As spatial planning aligns more closely with Community Planning and budgets are squeezed this project will allow us to identify opportunities for social enterprise and community collaboration.

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## Challenges that the project will attempt to move forward

- Gathering Robust Evidence – from city activities
- Capturing data / exemplars etc. – to use for peer education; cost / benefit analysis; methodology / process description
- Monitoring – Identify the right type of monitoring that becomes proportionate & meets the needs of both academics & cities
- Methodology – Scalable to city wide; transferable to different contexts
- Demonstrator – Run in Glasgow, scale out city wide; Capture methodology and test replicability in different contexts
- Regulations – Economic, social & technical
- Sustainable data – Easy to collect; easy to use; easy to maintain; easy to share
- Fast moving Technology – new apps; Geospatial information communication technology ( G-ICT)



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**A new approach**





## A new framework for Open space

- Open Space Strategy in conjunction with
- City Development Plan:
  - CDP6 & SG6 : Green Belt & Green Network
  - CDP12 & SG12 : Delivering Development
  - Local Context- Stages 1 & 2
- Other Council Strategies

[www.glasgow.gov.uk/developmentplan](http://www.glasgow.gov.uk/developmentplan)

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# A new framework for Open space



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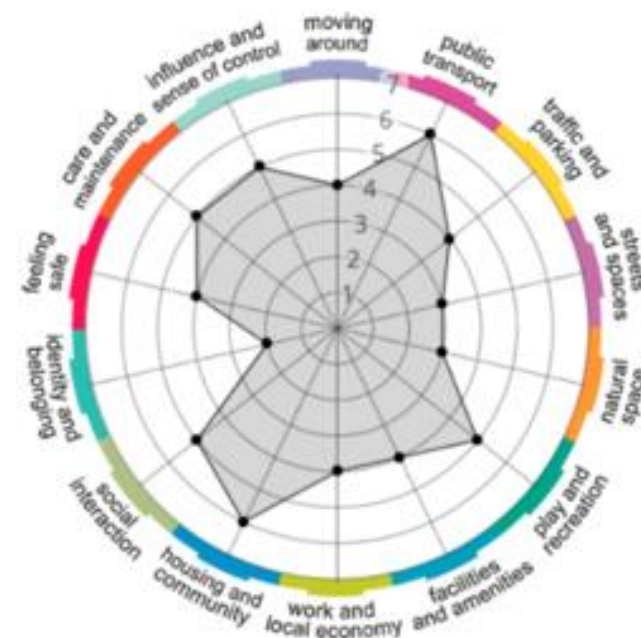
## Think about Place

“Dull, inert cities, it is true, do contain the seeds of their own destruction and little else. But lively, diverse, intense cities contain the seeds of their own regeneration, with energy enough to carry over for problems and needs outside themselves.”

*Jane Jacob*

"Town Planning is not mere place-planning, nor even work planning. If it is to be successful it must be folk planning. This means that its task is not to coerce people into new places against their associations, wishes, and interest, as we find bad schemes trying to do. Instead its task is to find the right places for each sort of people; place where they will really flourish

*Sir Patrick Geddes*



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## People



*A good city is like a good party: guests stay because they are enjoying themselves.*

*Source: Jan Gehl Cities for People pp.147.*



## Place Standard Purpose.....

Place Standard – How Good is Our Place?



...to support the delivery of high quality places in Scotland and to maximise the potential of the physical and social environment in supporting health, wellbeing and a high quality of life.

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The biology is very clear, chaotic, difficult circumstances lead to an increased risk of physical ill health

So lets not spend a fortune trying to find drugs to fix that; lets change the chaotic and difficult circumstances.

Sir Harry Burns – CMO Scotland  
2006 - 2014

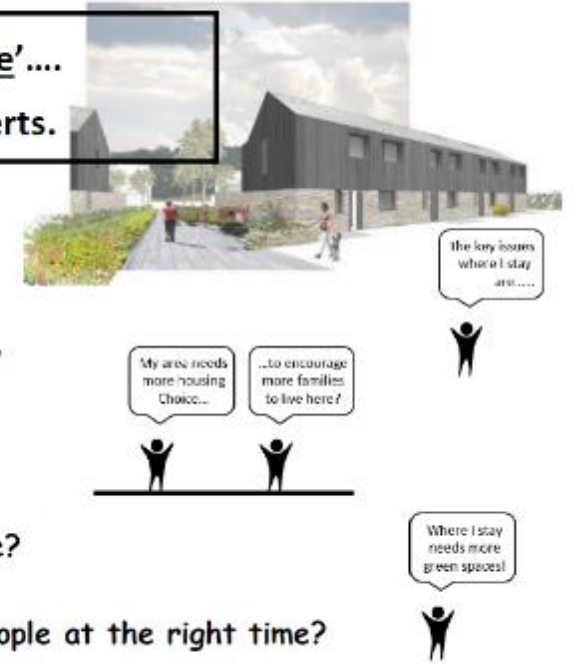
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## Changing Mind-sets.....

Place Standard – How Good is Our Place?

**'Doing things With People'....**  
**Local People are the Experts.**

- ⊗ What is it like to live here?
- ⊗ What makes this place unique?
- ⊗ What do I Do in this place?
- ⊗ What do I need to live my life?
- ⊗ Are we talking to the right people at the right time?

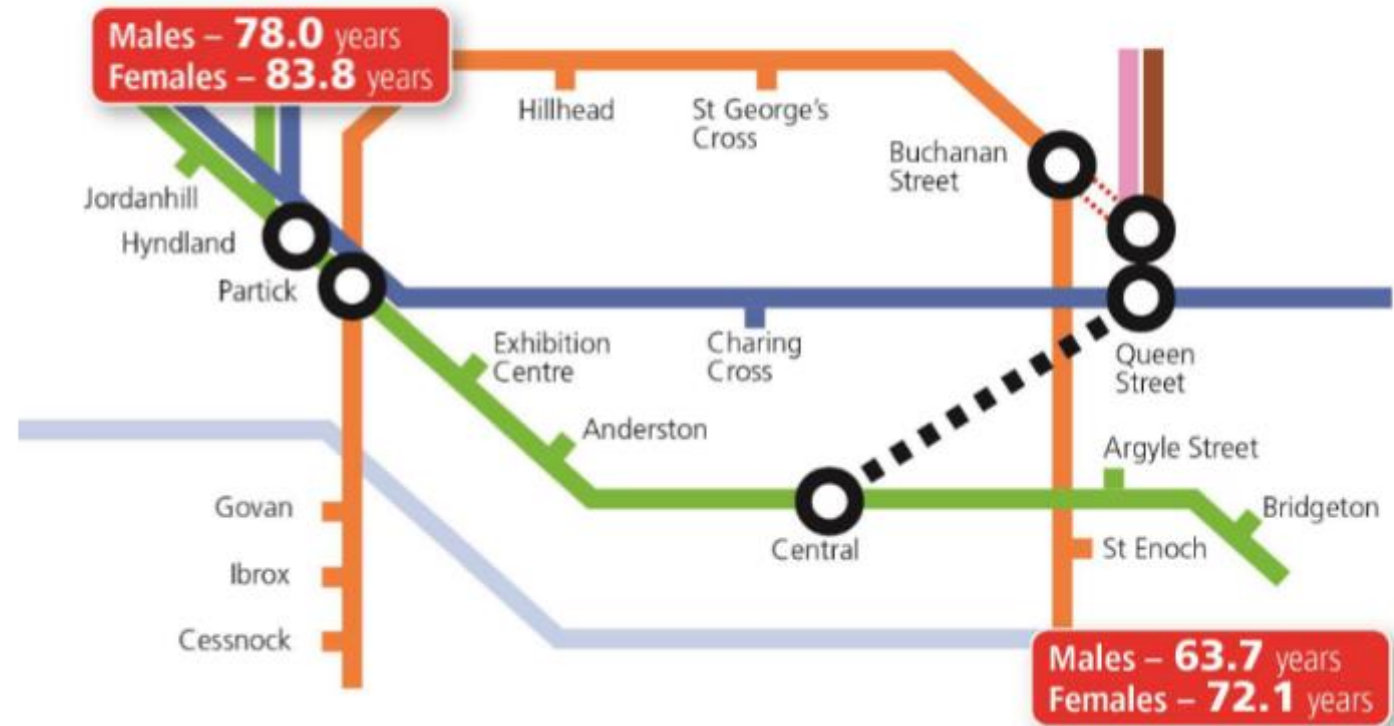


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# Inequalities in health –the consequences.....

...difference of 14.3 years life expectancy for men and 11.7 years for women between affluent Jordanhill and deprived Bridgeton...



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## Place

- the environment in which we live
- the people that inhabit these spaces



“the quality of life that comes from the interaction of people and their surroundings”

*Source: Creating Places – Scottish Government*



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any development **ALWAYS** ‘makes places’

The question is whether they:-  
contribute positively;  
have little impact; or



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## Placemaking



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Planned and Designed from Above..... Looked good on paper!

### Placemending

Learning from our mistakes.....



Source: A Bowman Photography



Places for People?.....or Cars?



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No good for People!



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Left-over Bits..... Not Used.....



Play Space for all ages? Local Event Space? Local Art Space?

Growing Space? Lighting/Seats.....

Doing things differently    Doing things with people    Local people are the experts

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## Place and Placemaking....



We Moved the People into Alien Environments away from family networks/support



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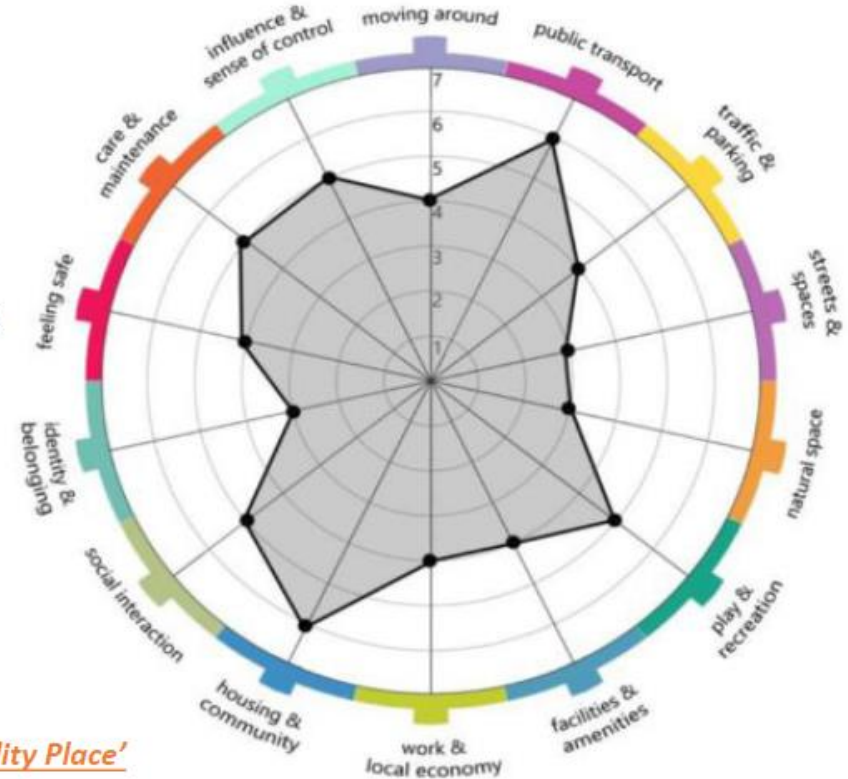


## What is it?

- A simple, free, easy to use tool to assess the **Quality of A Place**
- Booklet, Online, App – including multiple users
- To **facilitate conversations**
- Between communities, sectors and decision-makers
- **About priorities for action**
- Taking a **holistic view**
- Of all the factors that **make places work**

**14 themes** = broad range of physical and social characteristics of place that affect **health and wellbeing**

*Key Outcome should always be 'Creating A Better Quality Place'*



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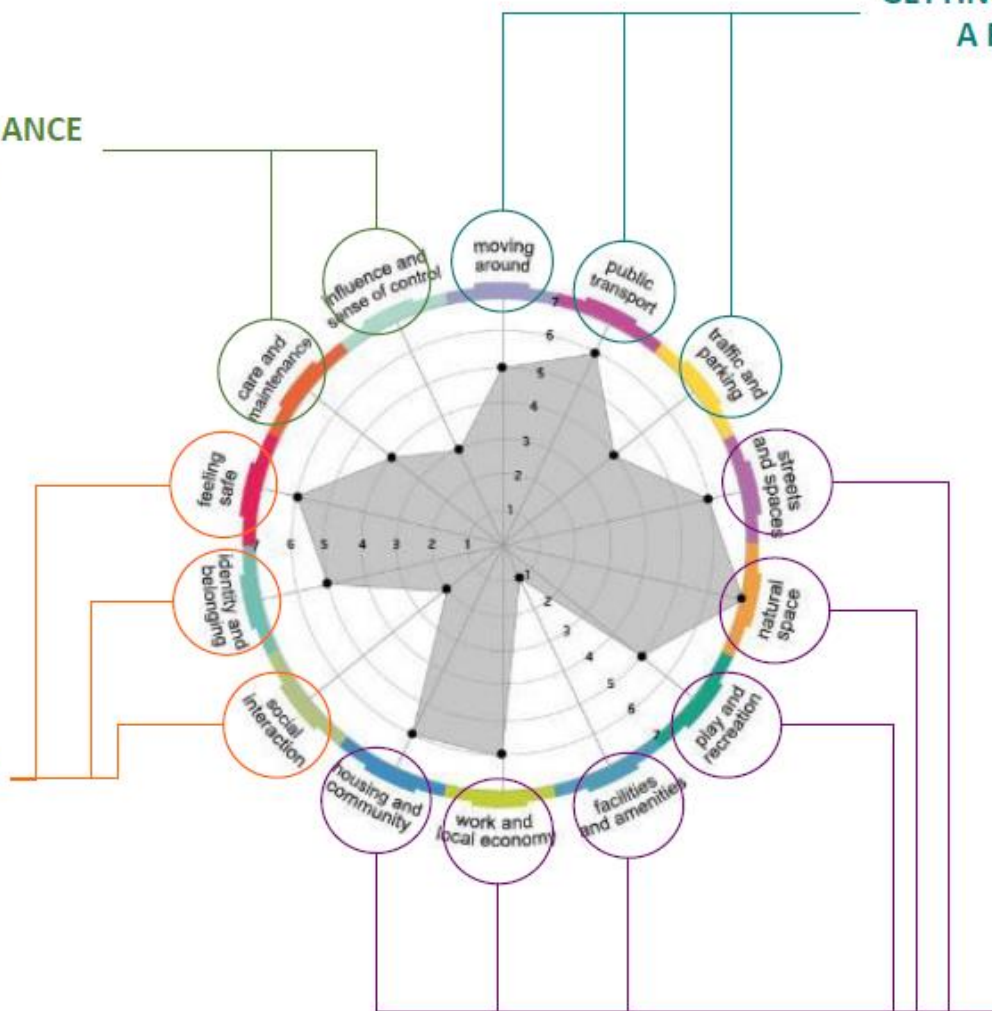
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& MAINTENANCE

GETTING AROUND  
A PLACE

PEOPLE ; PERCEPTIONS  
& CULTURE



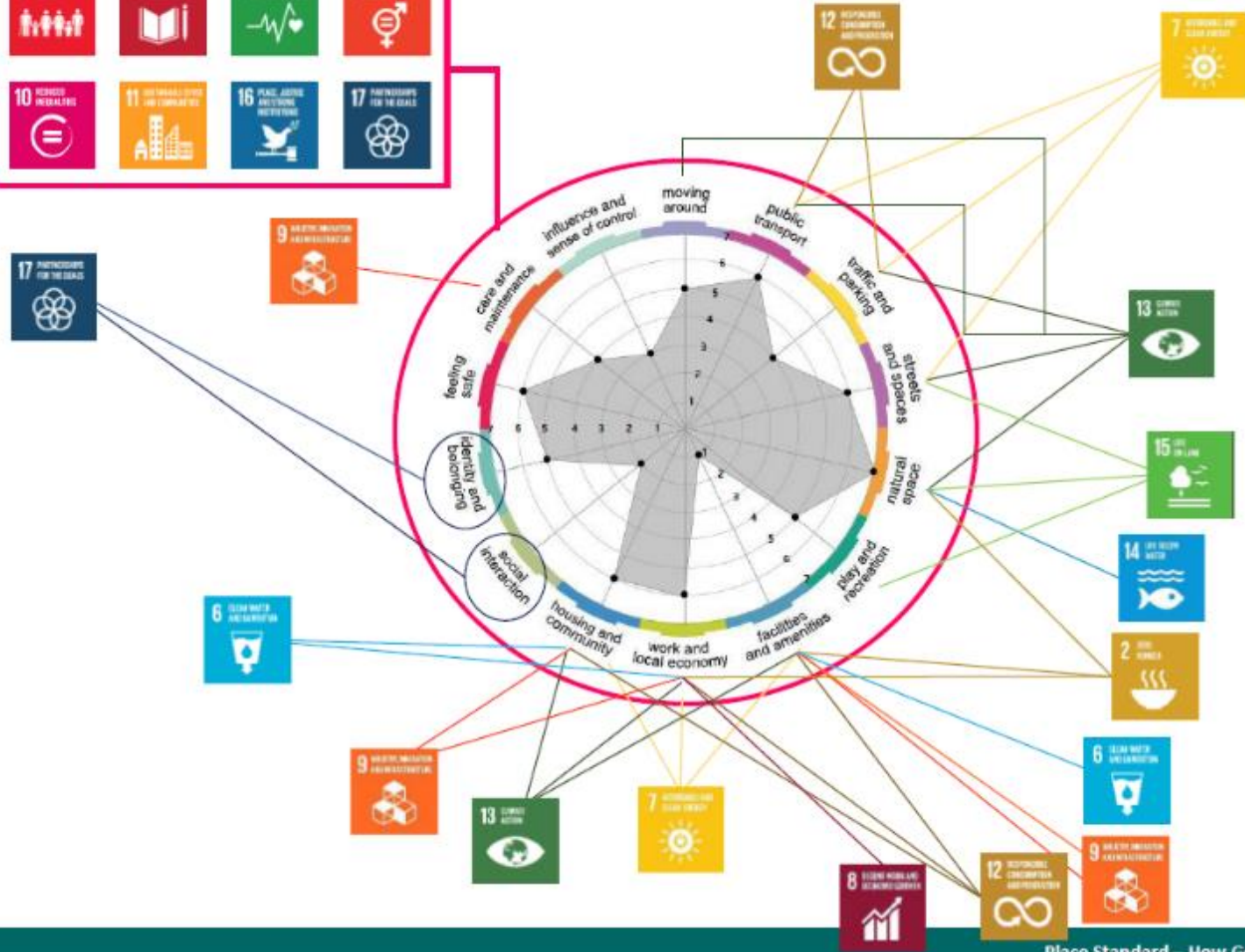
THINGS WE NEED TO  
LIVE/WORK/SPEND  
TIME IN A PLACE

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# Using the Place Standard to Shape Sustainable Development Goals (2020) Discussion?



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## Placemaking – better places for people and nature

- Access for recreational, sporting and social purposes
- Enhanced environment for nature, including habitat expansion and enhanced ecosystem services
- Extending and improving green networks for people, water and nature
- Delivering better places in which to live, work and visit
- Healthier citizens and environment



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## Accessibility & Quality for all

New accessibility standard to deliver access to a good quality, multifunctional open space of 0.3 ha or more within a 400m/5 min walk of the home

- Assessment of quality of most usable open spaces >0.3 ha
- Identification of those capable of meeting a “quality standard”
- Focusing contributions from new development on enhancing the quality of these spaces
- Delivering new spaces/re-modelling existing spaces to fill gaps



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