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All candidates are required to provide a manifesto/candidate statement of no more than 250 words that must address the 2 questions below

- 1 How would you support delivery of the LI corporate strategy whilst living the LI core values?
- 2 Please summarise your skills and experience relevant to the role for which you are standing

Candidate Statement:

I offer wide-ranging, public sector landscape architect experience to influence standards and inspire. My Scottish and NE designs include the Water of Leith and other walkways, public realm and private gardens. I managed parks teams, maintained public estates and advised on minerals, forestry and arboriculture.

I will continue to use my knowledge and passion for the natural, social and economic landscape to give high level advocacy. As in my current regeneration role, I will bring resilient landscape approaches into policy, design, management and planning. I will promote quality place-making and green infrastructure, as I have through garden community management, masterplanning, design for deprived communities and collaboration on regional SuDS guidance.

I will continue to use my core public engagement capabilities - honed through historic park restoration and colliery village regeneration, neighbourhood planning, responding to and writing environmental policy. I will continue to bring people together, find common ground and increase engagement through mentoring, school talks and 'human libraries'. As LINE chair I collaborated to deliver regional, multi-professional debate and spoke to LI values. As regional Arboricultural Association chair, regional RTPI committee member, NEDRES panel member and Design Council Built Environment Expert, I promoted practice excellence. I will continue to deliver productive exchanges across environment sectors.

I hope to influence public debate and help existing and new LI policies to focus on health and well-being, resilience and response to change. I will continue to work collaboratively with government and other agencies to encourage a holistic landscape-led approach to design and management.