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Dear Colleague

Glasgow City Council – Application to join the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Glasgow City Council welcomes the opportunity to apply to join the WHO Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

Glasgow is an ambitious, inventive and entrepreneurial city with a track record of delivery and making things happen. The recent success of the 2014 Commonwealth Games is testament to that.

We are Scotland's largest city and like many large urban areas, we face challenges in tackling issues of deprivation and inequality. In our Council Strategic Plan 2012 to 2017, we provide a vision for Glasgow that will deliver economic growth and resilience for all in our community. The plan sets out a wide range of priorities and commitments to ensure local services and neighbourhoods are informed by the people who live in them.

The plan sets out a range of practical commitments to ensure that our older citizens can participate fully in the life of the city. This includes:

- a programme of free and discounted access to a range of sports and activities;
- a strong commitment to independent living and support for our older citizens;
- a range of supports for carers;
- a programme to help alleviate fuel poverty for some of our most vulnerable older people.

We believe that being part of the WHO programme will help us to focus and accelerate our approach, building on the good practice we can already demonstrate and allowing us to raise our aspirations even higher. The programme will be championed by Councillor Archie Graham OBE, Deputy Leader and Executive Member for Equalities.

Glasgow City Council has developed and endorsed a draft *Age Friendly Glasgow Strategy* which is our commitment to improve the quality of life of the city's older citizens and to set out how we involve older people and the contribution they make. This was recently endorsed by the Council's Executive Committee and we will consult widely on this in the Spring.

I am delighted to support this application and look forward to your positive consideration of it.

Yours sincerely

Councillor Gordon Matheson CBE
Leader of the Council

Surgeries:

1 st Saturday of each month	10.30 am
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2 nd Wednesday of each month	6.00 pm
3 rd Tuesday of each month	6.00 pm
4 th Wednesday of each month	6.00 pm

There will be no surgeries during school or public holidays

Dundasvale Residents Hall, 12 Dundasvale Court
Townhead Village Hall, 60 St Mungo Place
Tenants Hall, 32a Drygate
Garnethill Multi-Cultural Centre, 21 Rose Street
Trongate 103, Glasgow G1 5HD