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To Whom It May Concern:

**Re: World Health Organisation Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities**

It is with great pleasure that the City of Salisbury is applying to become a part of the WHO – Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

The City of Salisbury is committed to ensuring that older residents can age well within Salisbury. The development of our new ageing strategy "Age-friendly Salisbury Strategy 2015 – 2020" is an important document to guide this work for the next five years.

The goals and the associated actions in the strategy are based on the eight domains identified by the WHO as being essential to the development of an age-friendly city. Key to the development of the strategy was the extensive input from older people in Salisbury and this is integral to the ongoing implementation towards an age-friendly city.

At the City of Salisbury's January full Council meeting the elected body made a commitment to furthering its journey to create an age-friendly City by endorsing that:

- *Council will make a commitment to World Health Organisation's (WHO) Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities values and principals.*
- *The City of Salisbury applies to join the World Health Organisation (WHO) Global Network of Age-friendly Cities and Communities.*

This demonstrates our intent that Salisbury becomes an active participant in the global network giving us the opportunity to share some of our home grown successes and learn from others' experience.

It is our vision to make Salisbury a place that enables people of all ages to actively participate in community activities. It is a place that treats everyone with respect, regardless of their age, culture or background.

We look forward to the opportunity to continue our joining a network of likeminded communities across the world.

Yours sincerely

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