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World Health Organisation  
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Dear Committee

The population of Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council is projected to rise by 9% by 2025 and 13% by 2030 (from 2015) which is almost twice the growth expected for the region as a whole, and much of the growth will be concentrated in the 65+ group. This growth in our population is one that should be viewed as an achievement. We as a council aim to make Lisburn and Castlereagh a great place to grow old and one that is supportive, valuing and enabling for older people.

With this in mind and in response to the growing trends and needs of our residents, Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council unanimously commits today, on International Older Peoples' Day to a better future for our aging community. The Council will take the steps necessary to become a member of the World Health Organisation, Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. Lisburn and Castlereagh will put into action the following steps:

- Establish mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly Framework process.
- Develop a baseline assessment of the age-friendliness of Lisburn and Castlereagh.
- Develop a three year action plan in collaboration with a range of partners and stakeholders.
- Identify indicators to monitor progress against the action plan.
- Continually improve Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council's age-friendliness.

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Lisburn and Castlereagh City Council wants to encourage our older population to live full and healthy lives in order to participate and contribute to our communities. Age friendly will be about adding life to years.

Yours faithfully



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**The Right Worshipful the Mayor  
COUNCILLOR TIM MORROW**



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**Chief Executive  
DR THERESA DONALDSON**