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**Re: Application for Membership to Global Network for Age Friendly Cities and Communities**

Dear Dr. Beard,

On behalf of Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council, I wish to apply to the World Health Organisation for membership of your Global Network of Age-Friendly Cities.

Under the auspices of Ireland's National Age Friendly Counties Programme, I can confirm that Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council has been working towards becoming an Age Friendly County for 4 years now and has achieved the following objectives in order to establish our county as Age Friendly:

- An Age Friendly Alliance has been formed, chaired initially by the Chairperson of the Network for Older People and more recently by an independent Chairperson, comprising the most senior decision makers from the key public, private and not-for-profit agencies, involved in providing supports and services to older people e.g. Local Authority, HSE (Health Service Executive), An Garda Síochána, Dublin and Dún Laoghaire Education and Training Board, University College Dublin, Dún Laoghaire Institute of Art, Design and Technology, Southside Partnership (Local Development Company), Dún Laoghaire Chamber of Commerce, Dublin Bus, Southside Traveller Action Group, Leopardstown Park Hospital and representatives from the Network for Older People.



- We have carried out a comprehensive, county-wide consultation process with older people in our county to listen to the issues that really matter to them.
- Following this extensive consultation with older people, service providers and others, we developed the dlr Age Friendly County Strategy 2016-2020. This document contains specific commitments by agencies, service providers and older people's organisations to implement agreed changes. It reflects the priorities expressed by older people in the consultation process.
- With these solid foundations for the Programme in place, the dlr Age Friendly Strategy 2016-2020 was formally launched by Leas Cathaoirleach Cllr. Pat Hand on the 4<sup>th</sup> of May 2016.
- Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council is committed to making our *County a Great Place in which to Grow Old*, both now and for the future. We will work with all of our partners and stakeholders at local, national and international level, to share knowledge and experience for the mutual interest and benefit of older people in all of our communities.

I trust that this application is in order and look forward to hearing from you in the near future with confirmation of our affiliation.

Yours sincerely,



Councillor Tom Murphy

An Cathaoirleach

Dún Laoghaire-Rathdown County Council

