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### **APPLICATION TO WORLD HEALTH ORGANISATION, TO JOIN THE AGE FRIENDLY CITIES AND COMMUNITIES GLOBAL NETWORK**

I am pleased as Leader of Sheffield City Council to submit Sheffield's application to join the Age-friendly Cities and Communities Global Network. Sheffield's application has been endorsed by the Sheffield City Partnership Board, which brings together all the key statutory, business, voluntary and community sector leaders.

The Board recognises that developing age-friendly policies supports its existing work to develop an Inclusive Economy, improved Health and Wellbeing, and Fairness and Equality. Importantly, we see Age Friendly work as being an inclusive, life-course approach to getting older, which supports Sheffield's Public Health Strategy. This recognises the importance of a strong economy, a more equal society, access to work, and a good start in life, as some of the key determinants in ageing well.

We recognise that in Sheffield there are around 100,000 people aged 65 or over; that this number will grow by 42% in the next 25 years; and that the number aged 85 and over will more than double. We recognise that growing numbers of older people in Sheffield are living with dementia, with multiple long-term health conditions, and in social isolation. Developing an Age-friendly City is an important part of our strategy to address these long-term changes.

Age UK Sheffield is delivering the Age-friendly project for the city. Sheffield City Council is working closely with them to support their work to make Sheffield a great place in which to live and grow older. Together, we look forward to becoming part of the WHO Global Network.

Yours sincerely

**Councillor Julie Dore**  
**Leader of the Council**