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Dear Committee

I am writing on behalf of Flintshire County Council to apply for membership of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

As a Local Authority and provider of public services we recognise the importance of developing age-friendly communities, as the population is ageing. The 2021 Census recording that more than one in five people living in Flintshire (21.4%) are aged 65 and over. This is an increase of 23.7% compared to the previous Census in 2011. This growth is projected to continue until 2043.

Flintshire County Council supports these aims and values the contributions that older people make in their communities. We are committed to supporting and enabling people to age well. In February 2014, we signed the Dublin declaration signifying the commitment to developing age-friendly communities that encourage active ageing and enhance quality of life as people age. The *Ageing Well in Flintshire Plan (2016-2020)* set a priority to make Flintshire a good place to grow older. Our Age-friendly Champion and Chief Officer for Social Services provide a lead role in the creation of an Age-friendly Flintshire.

The Older People's Commissioner for Wales' aim to make Wales a nation of age-friendly communities, and Welsh Government's vision: *to create an age friendly Wales that supports people of all ages to live and age well* (Age friendly Wales: strategy for an ageing society) supports our continued focus on developing age-friendly communities in Flintshire.

Please find the attached *Plan for Age-friendly Development in Flintshire 2023*. This plan demonstrates the commitment from Flintshire County Council and its public sector and third sector partners. The document provides an overview of current age-friendly projects and initiatives and key actions that will help to make Flintshire a great place in which to live and age well. I trust you will find the plan both interesting and informative.

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The plan will be developed and prioritised in co-production with community groups, residents and service partners to continue the excellent work that has been taking place across the county. New opportunities for age-friendly development and learning will be explored, and best practices adopted from other communities in Wales and across the World.

On behalf of Flintshire County Council and its partners, we look forward to your consideration of our application and hope that we can contribute positively to this inspiring global network of age-friendly communities.

Yours sincerely,

A rectangular box containing a handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ian B. Roberts".

Councillor Ian Roberts
Leader, Flintshire County Council