



**Leader of the Council**  
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### **Application to the World Health Organisation, to join the Age Friendly Cities Communities Global Network**

I am pleased, as Leader of South Lanarkshire Council, to submit South Lanarkshire's application to join the Age-friendly Cities and Communities Global Network. South Lanarkshire Council's application has been endorsed by the South Lanarkshire Community Planning Partnership Board which brings together all the key statutory, business, voluntary and community sector leaders and by our representative voice of older people in South Lanarkshire, Seniors Together.

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 the South Lanarkshire Council Plan. 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.

In my local authority the population of people aged 75 is projected to grow by 25% by the year 2028. Taking steps now to develop an Age Friendly South Lanarkshire we can design services alongside older citizens and make it a great place to live and grow stronger and wiser together.

South Lanarkshire Council is working with Community Planning Partners, our community of older people through, the Seniors Together Project and the third sector to deliver Age Friendly South Lanarkshire. We look forward to becoming part of the WHO global network.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Joe Fagan'.

**Councillor Joe Fagan**