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Dear Committee

We wish to celebrate the fact that our older population here in Swansea is increasing, recognising it as a great achievement.

In 2021, we had almost 49,000 people aged over 65, with over 23,000 of them being aged 75 or older. By 2030 the number of people over 65 years is currently projected to increase (from 2021) by 11% and the number of people over 80 years to increase by 24%.

We are committed to ensuring that we are all able to enjoy the opportunities this success brings.

This means being equipped to meet the challenges we may face as we grow older and ensuring that older people, particularly those who are most vulnerable, can access the support and services they need to thrive and remain healthy.

It means welcoming and promoting innovation and good practice to inspire action, empowering older people by ensuring they understand their legal rights and how they can exercise them to make their voices heard and challenge poor practice.

It means that we aim to make Swansea an even better place to grow old. Swansea Council unanimously commits to becoming a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities. We will put into action the following steps:

- Build upon and enhance our existing mechanisms to involve older people in all stages of the Age-Friendly process, such as with our 50+ forums and coordinated networks.



- Draw together the evidence from our recent population-level needs assessment and local wellbeing assessment to establish a baseline picture of the age friendliness of Swansea
- Harness and develop the objectives detailed within our local Wellbeing and Ageing Well plans to create a three-year Age Friendly Action Plan in collaboration with a range of partners and stakeholders
- Use the learning, insights and data developed within our Public Service Boards and our Regional Partnerships Boards to identify indicators that reflect progress against the action plan
- Implement and embed a culture of continual improvement within all teams developing and delivering our age-friendly plan, capturing examples of good practice for sharing with the wider network.

Swansea want to encourage our older population to live full and healthy lives and be able to participate and contribute to their communities. We believe that Age-Friendly communities create the conditions within which people can age well, adding life to years – not just years to life.

Yours sincerely



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