



## Caerphilly Letter of Commitment to Age Friendly Communities

In Caerphilly County Borough, we wish to celebrate the fact our older population is increasing, recognising it as a great achievement.

In 2021, according to the Census (ONS) Caerphilly had 35,500 people aged over 65, with 15,600 of those aged 75 and over.

Based on Welsh Government 2018 population projections between 2021 and 2041 the over 65 population will increase by 24.7% and the over 85 population by 68.8%.

Older people are an asset to our community; we value the contribution that they bring to our society. For example, many community and social groups are run or supported by people from a variety of ages. We want to continue to support and promote this alongside sharing their skills and experience.

We are committed to ensure we are equipped to meet the challenges we may face, as our population grows older and ensuring that older people, including those who are most vulnerable, can access the support and services they need to thrive and remain healthy.

We want to ensure that the views and opinions of older people are valued and listened to, developing the citizen-centred structures and processes of engagement. This approach will enable older people to have opportunities to be involved in decision-making and can actively influence the design and creation of innovation and change.

Caerphilly County Borough Council commits to continue the Age Friendly work and to becoming a member of the World Health Organisation's Global Network of Age Friendly Cities and Communities.

We have created, in cooperation with key stakeholders, a work plan and agreed to put in to action the following steps:

- Coordinate Age Friendly Community steering group meetings with partners and key stakeholders, continuing to build on the existing mechanisms to involve older people.
- Work in partnership to identify and understand the current Age Friendly work throughout Caerphilly County Borough and draw this information together to identify gaps.
- Progress development of intergenerational opportunities with schools and other key partners.
- Use learning, insights and data developed within our PSB and other engagement tools to support the Age Friendly application process.
- Embed a culture of continual improvement for Age Friendly work, promote and share examples of good practice with the wider network and public.

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