

BRIEFING TO THE HEALTH AND WELLBEING BOARD	
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An Age-friendly Community is a place that enables people to age well and live a good later life. Somewhere that people can stay living in their homes, participate in the activities they value, and contribute to their communities, for as long as possible.

The UK Network of Age-friendly Communities is a growing movement, with over 60 places across the country committed to making their community a better place to age in and we are working at Bury to become one of these places.

The Age-friendly Communities approach was developed by the World Health Organisation in 2007, in consultation with older people around the world. It is built on the evidence of what supports healthy and active ageing in a place and supports older residents to shape the place that they live.

The Age friendly communities commit to following the World Health Organisation framework. The eight domains are:

1. Transportation
2. Housing
3. Social participation
4. Respect and social inclusion
5. Civic participation and employment
6. Communication and information
7. Community support and health services
8. Outdoor spaces and buildings

The application for Bury to become part of the age friendly communities is attached to this briefing note and we would welcome your commitment for the work by endorsing the application.