

## **Report to Community Committee – 20<sup>th</sup> October 2025**

**Subject:** Age-Friendly Faversham – Progress Update

### **1. Purpose of Report**

To update the Community Committee on progress with the Age-Friendly Faversham Action Plan and seek approval for the proposed community survey and application form.

### **2. Background**

Faversham Town Council is working towards becoming an Age-Friendly Community, in line with the World Health Organization (WHO) framework and the UK Network of Age-Friendly Communities. The initiative aims to make Faversham a place where people of all ages can live well, participate fully, and feel valued.

### **3. Progress to Date**

- **Steering Group:**

The first meeting of the Age-Friendly Faversham Steering Group has been held. The group brings together representatives from local organisations and community groups to guide the project and ensure it reflects local priorities.

- **Audit Work:**

The Abbey Physic Garden has begun initial auditing of dropped kerbs and benches around the town. This work will contribute to an evidence base identifying areas where accessibility and comfort can be improved for older residents.

- **Community Engagement:**

The recommended Age-Friendly survey has been prepared for Faversham to gather residents' views on how well the town supports people as they age, and where improvements are needed.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/agefriendlyfaversham>

### **4. Recommendations**

The Community Committee is asked to:

1. Note the progress made with the establishment of the Steering Group and the start of audit work.
2. Agree the Age-Friendly Faversham community survey for distribution.
3. Approve the proposed Age-Friendly Faversham application form to enable individuals and organisations to get involved in the initiative.

## **5. Next Steps**

- Finalise and launch the community survey.
- Continue accessibility audits across Faversham with the support of the Active Travel Committee and local partners.
- Report back to the Committee on findings and proposed actions arising from the survey and audits.