

From: Peter Duppa-Miller
To: Cabinet
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CONNECTING COMMUNITIES

I am Peter Duppa-Miller – I am speaking as the Secretary of the Bath and North East Somerset Local Councils Association.

I have four points to make.

1. Very many thanks are due to the Officers who are providing the most efficient and effective support to the 3 existing Connecting Communities Area Fora.
2. It is very good to see that the Connecting Communities initiative is already enabling considerable opportunities to “Narrow the Gaps” which exist in North East Somerset.
3. It is also very good to see how the Town and Parish Councils are being empowered to contribute their local knowledge to the efforts of the major Public Bodies to understand, and to respond to, the needs and aspirations of their communities.

And finally,

4. I urge Cabinet to resolve tonight to extend the Connecting Communities Area Forum approach to the 3 Bathavon Wards (North, South and West) and their 18 Parish Councils and 3 Parish Meetings (which together represent over one third of the Parishes in North East Somerset) and to establish the Bathavon Area Forum with the aim of its holding its first meeting early in the New Year.