

Rosemary Naish statement

Good evening.

I am speaking as Chair of the B&NES ALCA group.

The first parish protocol was produced in 1999, some years later it was reviewed, but then had to wait 10 years for further review. 18 months ago a working group was formed, of parish councillors, parish clerks, representative all town & parish councils, together with Cabinet members and B&NES officers, who have had numerous meetings, to produce what I believe is a very good document, which is already generating better partnership between us and benefits for our residents.

But I'm really here tonight, not just to recommend that you adopt this document, but to say thank you to the working group, ward councillors, cabinet members (past & present) and all the officers who come to the various sessions and supported the process and made valuable suggestions and contributions to document.

Finally I would like to say that as you may be aware ALCA is not just B&NES but also includes North Somerset and South Gloucestershire, and my colleagues on the regional committee have been most impressed, and I think a little jealous, of how good a partnership has been forged by this piece of work.