

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting – 25 March 2021

Conservative Group Motion on initiatives to improve children's wellbeing

To be proposed by Cllr Vic Pritchard

Council:

1. This Council notes that the COVID-19 pandemic will have had some detrimental effects on the wellbeing of children in B&NES. Being isolated from friends and having to learn from home have been significant challenges for young people and their parents over the past 12 months.
2. This Council notes that Bath BID Company (Business Improvement District) is planning to run a 'Summer Sundays' programme from June to August to improve children's wellbeing. The programme will see various family activities take place in local parks and the city centre.
3. This Council recognises the positive impact this programme could have on the wellbeing of children and parents following a year of isolation.

Council therefore:

4. Praises Bath BID for developing the programme and requests that the Leader of the Council takes steps to organise within the next three months an online symposium of relevant local groups, charities, schools, parent groups, cultural organisations and educational experts, to discuss strategies to help parents and children in Bath and North East Somerset overcome the challenges of the past twelve months.

- *Unless where specifically set out in the statute, motions approved at Council do not bind the Executive (Cabinet) but may influence their future decisions.*
- *Councillors are reminded of their public sector equality duty which requires the Council to consider or think about how their policies or decisions may affect people who are protected under the Equality Act.*