

Bath and North East Somerset Council

Full Council meeting – 22 July 2021

Conservative Group Motion on a memorial to those who have died of COVID-19 in Bath and North East Somerset

To be proposed by Cllr Vic Pritchard

Council:

1. This Council notes that the COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the country, and on residents here in Bath and North East Somerset. Since the start of the pandemic, more than 290 people in Bath and North East Somerset have died of COVID-19.
2. This Council recognises that several authorities across the country are using blossom trees as a memorial to those who have lost their lives due to COVID and to remember the NHS staff, carers and key workers who have done so much for their communities during the pandemic.

Council therefore:

3. Requests that the Leader of the Council creates a cross-party working group to find a way for a blossom tree memorial, or other suitable memorial, to be created at an appropriate location in Bath and North East Somerset. This will help the community remember all those who have lost their lives to COVID and give thanks to those who have cared for the vulnerable during the pandemic.

- *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.*