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Dear Resident

Your right to live in this country after the UK leaves the European Union

I am writing to you to encourage you and your EU and EEA family members to consider applying for pre-settled or settled status as soon as possible, if you have not already done so.

Bath and North East Somerset Council is proud to welcome people from all over the world and we value the huge contribution you make to our communities. We recognise it's upsetting and stressful to have to 'apply' to stay in a country which is your home and which you had the right to come to under EU law.

EU nationals are our family members, friends, colleagues and neighbours; you are part of our community and we want you to stay. Securing this status will protect your continued right to live in the United Kingdom and we are disappointed that the government has not made this process easier for you.

About the EU settlement scheme

The UK government has reached an agreement with the EU that will protect the rights of EU citizens and their family members living in the UK. It has also reached an agreement with Norway, Iceland and Liechtenstein, and a separate agreement with Switzerland.

These agreements mean that most citizens from the European Economic Area (EEA) will need to apply to stay in this country now that the UK has left the EU.

Please visit the government website www.gov.uk for information on how to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme. The deadline for applications is 30 June 2021.

How we can help

The first step in applying to the EU Settlement Scheme requires you to prove your identity and nationality.

Bath & North East Somerset Council is supporting EU, EEA and Swiss citizens and their EU and EEA family members to complete the initial document verification part of this process. This means you do not need to send your biometric passport to the Home Office.

You can book an appointment by calling us on 01225 477234, Monday to Friday 9:30am to 4pm.

It's free to apply to the EU Settlement Scheme but there is a set charge of £14 for the use of the document verification service. You may also be able to download an app which you can use to verify your documents.

Further information

We recognise that individual circumstances differ, for example if you are a student. If you, or your family and friends, need help on this it is available from

Bath and North East Somerset Citizens Advice.

You can telephone them on 0344 848 7919 Monday to Friday 9.30am - 2.30pm. Appointments can be made, and drop-in sessions are also held in our one-stop shops in Bath, Midsomer Norton and Keynsham. For further information on any of these sessions please visit their local website: www.citizensadvicebanes.org.uk.

The Citizens Advice national website (www.citizensadvice.org.uk) also contains a wide range of helpful information on this.

Further local services and charities linked to the EUSS can be found by using the Home Office postcode checker tool available on the www.gov.uk website.

Finally, we have done our best to make sure this letter goes to the people who may be affected. However, please share this information with others you think will find it helpful.

Yours sincerely



Cllr Dine Romero

Leader of Bath and North East Somerset Council