

Statement (item 14) from Ruth Malloy

Citizens of European Union member countries, as well as those of Norway, Iceland, Liechtenstein and Switzerland, who live in the United Kingdom – and who do not also have British or Irish citizenship – must apply for Settled Status no later than Wednesday, 30th June 2021. This is the application deadline set by the UK Government.

This means we have only 8 weeks left in which to reach anyone who might be affected by this change in the law, which came about as a result of the UK leaving the European Union on 31st January 2020.

The UK Government has widely publicised the requirement for EU citizens to apply for Settled Status, or Pre-Settled Status if they have been living here for less than 5 years, but this has been primarily via online channels.

I thank former Council leader Dine Romero and the Chief Executive, Will Godfrey, for last autumn sending letters to all EU citizens registered as living in Bath and North East Somerset, to remind them to apply for Settled Status in good time.

I thank Councillor Kevin Guy, then Cabinet Member for Children's Services and the Director of Education, Chris Wilford, for recently sending a reminder email about applying for Settled Status to schools in Bath and North East Somerset, to be forwarded to parents and carers.

I thank the Director of Children and Young People Services, Mary Kearney-Knowles, for her assurance that applications for Settled Status have been made for all Bath and North East Somerset Council's looked-after children and care leavers from EU and EFTA countries.

Nevertheless, I still worry that some residents may not be aware of the need to apply for EU Settled Status, perhaps because they have no access to the Internet, or are simply unaware of this change in the law.

I therefore have a request to the new Cabinet Member for Adult Services, Councillor Alison Born:

Please will you ask officers to contact all housing associations, care homes and care agencies in Bath and North East Somerset, to ensure

their residents or clients, who are EU citizens, know that they must apply for Settled Status before the end of June, and that they're helped to do so, if they haven't already applied.

And finally, a request to **all** Bath and North East Somerset Councillors:

Please do all you can to spread the message, in your local communities, about the need for EU citizens to apply for Settled Status before the deadline of 30th June.

Thank you.