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10th May, 2021

MEETING OF BREXIT COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

A meeting of the Members of the Brexit Committee will meet remotely via Microsoft Teams on Thursday, 13th May, 2021 at 5.15 pm, for the transaction of the business noted below.

You are requested to attend.

Yours faithfully,

SUZANNE WYLIE

Chief Executive

AGENDA:

1. **Routine Matters**
 - (a) Apologies
 - (b) Minutes
 - (c) Declarations of Interest
2. **EU Settlement Scheme (Pages 1 - 8)**
3. **Restricted Items (Verbal Reports)**
 - (a) Update on Meeting with DEFRA
 - (b) Update on AERA Investigation into withdrawal of Port Staff
 - (c) Update on Legal Correspondence



Subject:	Update on the EU Settlement Scheme
Date:	13 May 2021
Reporting Officer:	John Walsh, City Solicitor / Director of Legal and Civic Services
Contact Officer:	Claire Sullivan, Policy and Business Development Officer

Restricted Reports	
Is this report restricted?	Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
If Yes, when will the report become unrestricted?	
After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the latest statistics from the Home Office in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to note the contents of the report.

3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) enables EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK, and their family members, to obtain the UK immigration status they will require to live, work and study in the UK after 30 June 2021. Irish Citizens are not required to apply to the EUSS but may choose to do so.</p> <p>Members are reminded that regular updates on the EUSS have been brought to this Committee.</p> <p><u>Number of applications</u></p> <p>The statistics covering the period up to 31st December 2020 were released on 25th February 2021 and a breakdown of the applications for Northern Ireland by local council area are included as appendix 1. Some key facts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 31 December 2020, just under 5 million (4,916,280) applications had been received, with 90% received in England, 5% in Scotland, 2% in Wales and 2% in Northern Ireland. • 79,110 applications have been made in Northern Ireland and 15,640 of these have been made in Belfast. • Northern Ireland had a noticeably higher proportion (18%) of applications from applicants under 18 compared to the rest of the UK (less than 15% for each other nation). • In Belfast, the highest number of applications were from Polish (4,380) and Romanian (2,740) nationals. • Of the applications submitted in Belfast, 91% have been concluded and of these 56% were awarded settled status and 41% pre settled status¹. <p><u>Closing date for applications</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that the application process will close on the 30th June and that the Council are promoting any notifications around the process through its normal communications channels.</p>

¹ Pre-settled status entitles the person to apply for settled status after they have 5 years' continuous residence in the UK. <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>

	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications relating to this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p>
	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Statistics relating to EU Settlement Scheme by local council area</p>

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EU Settlement Scheme: applications by nationality, region and local authority, 28 August 2018 to 31 December 2020

Local authority	Total	<i>of which</i>									
		Austria	Belgium	Bulgaria	Croatia	Cyprus	Czech Republic	Denmark	Estonia	Finland	France
Antrim and Newtownabbey	4,260	*	*	40	10	0	60	*	*	*	40
Ards and North Down	2,730	*	20	100	*	*	30	10	10	10	50
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	17,230	*	10	2,970	*	*	140	*	*	*	70
Belfast	15,640	40	50	260	50	40	190	40	50	50	440
Causeway Coast and Glens	2,680	*	*	90	10	*	30	*	*	*	40
Derry City and Strabane	1,590	*	*	20	*	*	*	*	*	*	40
Fermanagh and Omagh	4,400	*	*	410	20	0	30	*	*	*	20
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3,650	*	20	160	*	*	20	*	*	*	50
Mid and East Antrim	5,770	*	10	460	*	*	150	*	0	*	40
Mid Ulster	13,550	*	*	550	*	*	110	0	*	0	20
Newry, Mourne and Down	7,610	*	*	1,370	20	0	30	*	*	*	70

Local authority	Germany	Greece	Hungary	Iceland	Ireland	Italy	Latvia	Liechtenstein	Lithuania	Luxembourg	Malta	Netherlands
Antrim and Newtownabbey	50	20	180	*	80	80	70	0	550	0	0	30
Ards and North Down	110	10	80	*	30	70	200	0	440	0	*	70
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	60	30	340	0	230	110	890	0	3,380	0	*	50
Belfast	310	270	510	*	220	980	230	0	510	*	10	250
Causeway Coast and Glens	50	*	20	*	40	50	90	0	50	0	*	20
Derry City and Strabane	40	20	90	0	50	70	30	0	120	*	*	20
Fermanagh and Omagh	60	10	600	0	60	40	300	0	730	0	0	30
Lisburn and Castlereagh	50	60	100	*	70	70	200	0	480	0	*	30
Mid and East Antrim	40	10	90	0	60	60	80	0	130	0	0	30
Mid Ulster	20	10	240	0	150	60	730	0	3,610	*	0	20
Newry, Mourne and Down	80	30	110	*	100	100	530	0	1,450	0	*	50

Local authority	Norway	Poland	Portugal	Romania	Slovakia	Slovenia	Spain	Sweden	Switzerland	Non-EEA
Antrim and Newtownabbey	*	1,770	110	570	300	*	80	20	*	170
Ards and North Down	*	650	130	230	90	0	110	10	20	210
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	*	4,000	2,520	1,340	460	0	90	10	*	510
Belfast	50	4,380	810	2,740	990	20	1,030	130	20	990
Causeway Coast and Glens	*	1,830	50	90	40	*	40	*	*	110
Derry City and Strabane	*	770	30	70	10	0	80	*	0	120
Fermanagh and Omagh	*	1,520	60	170	160	*	40	*	*	120
Lisburn and Castlereagh	*	1,280	160	410	120	*	100	20	*	210
Mid and East Antrim	*	1,660	130	2,270	360	*	30	10	*	130
Mid Ulster	*	2,650	3,680	600	430	*	60	*	*	590
Newry, Mourne and Down	*	2,470	80	720	140	0	50	*	*	190

EU Settlement Scheme: applications by age group, region and local authority, 28 August 2018 to 31 December 2020

Local authority	Total	<i>of which</i>		
		Under 18	18 to 64	65+
Antrim and Newtownabbey	4260	750	3460	50
Ards and North Down	2,730	420	2,230	80
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	17,230	3,490	13,460	280
Belfast	15,640	2,450	12,980	210
Causeway Coast and Glens	2,680	550	2,070	60
Derry City and Strabane	1,590	280	1,290	20
Fermanagh and Omagh	4,400	900	3,410	90
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3,650	670	2,930	50
Mid and East Antrim	5,770	1,050	4,620	100
Mid Ulster	13,550	2,540	10,840	170
Newry, Mourne and Down	7,610	1,380	6,100	130

EU Settlement Scheme: concluded applications by outcome type, region and local authority, 28 August 2018 to 31 December 2020

of which

Local authority	Total	Settled	Pre-settled	Other outcomes
Antrim and Newtownabbey	3,940	2,730	1,080	130
Ards and North Down	2,490	1,710	730	40
Armagh City, Banbridge and Craigavon	15,900	9,440	5,980	480
Belfast	14,160	7,890	5,780	490
Causeway Coast and Glens	2,430	1,850	520	60
Derry City and Strabane	1,480	1,080	350	40
Fermanagh and Omagh	4,050	2,700	1,280	80
Lisburn and Castlereagh	3,390	2,410	910	70
Mid and East Antrim	5,310	2,850	2,290	170
Mid Ulster	12,600	8,360	3,840	400
Newry, Mourne and Down	6,860	4,080	2,570	210