



**Democratic Services Section
Chief Executive's Department
Belfast City Council
City Hall
Belfast
BT1 5GS**

13th September, 2018

MEETING OF BREXIT COMMITTEE

Dear Alderman/Councillor,

The above-named Committee will meet in the Lavery Room - City Hall on Thursday, 20th September, 2018 at 4.30 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. Motion Brexit – The People's Vote (Pages 1 - 2)
3. Brexit Committee - Port Health Study Visit (Pages 3 - 4)
4. Workshops on the potential impact of Brexit (Pages 5 - 6)
5. Update on EU Settlement Scheme (Pages 7 - 10)
6. UK Government Technical Notices for 'no deal' Brexit_scenario (Pages 11 - 14)



Subject:	Motion : Brexit – The People’s Vote
Date:	20th September, 2018
Reporting Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer
Contact Officer:	Jim Hanna, Senior Democratic Services Officer

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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
	To consider a motion in relation to Brexit – The People’s Vote, which was referred to the Committee by the Council at its meeting on 3rd September.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to consider the motion and to take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report

	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>At the meeting of the Council on 3rd September, the following motion, which was proposed by Councillor Nicholl and seconded by Councillor McAllister, was, in accordance with Standing Order 13(f), referred to the Committee for consideration:</p> <p><i>“This Council acknowledges the result of the EU Referendum of June 2016, but asserts that no one in Belfast voted for a bad deal, or no deal, that could wreck our economy and jeopardise our peace process.</i></p> <p><i>The Council agrees to write to the Secretary of State and to the Prime Minister expressing its support for the growing demand for a People’s Vote on the final Brexit deal.”</i></p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>None associated with this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	None.



Subject:	Update re Port Health Unit
Date:	20 th September 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Damian Connolly, Environmental Health Manager, ext 3361

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the work ongoing in relation to the potential impact of Brexit on the work of the Port Health Unit.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the update provided and the date of the study visit.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>

	<p>Members are reminded that at its meeting in August this Committee agreed to undertake a study visit to the Port Health Unit and that a report be submitted on the potential impact of Brexit on the Port Health Unit.</p> <p>Members are advised that the study visit to the Port Health Unit facility has been organised for Friday 28th September at noon.</p> <p>Members are also advised that there has been ongoing engagement with UK government representatives in relation to post Brexit planning. In particular on 28th August officers participated in an EU Exit Imported Food Workshop together with representatives from the Whitehall Cross Government Border Delivery Group and FSA EU Exit team to discuss possible day one scenarios and the likely impact on service. Whilst those discussions were classified as officially sensitive and cannot be reported, officers were advised that technical notes are currently being prepared and that these will be released by the Minister clarifying likely post BREXIT arrangements. We do not have a date for their release but it is anticipated that this will happen this month. When the technical notes have been released a report will be brought to this Committee outlining the position and the potential impacts on the Unit.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial and resources implications relating to this report. There may be future additional resources required for the Port Health Unit and Members will be kept informed of any developments.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p>
4.0	Appendices
	None



Subject:	Workshops on the potential impact of Brexit
Date:	20 th September 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kim Walsh, Business, Research & Development Manager, City & Neighbourhood Services.

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to outline for Members the proposal for the holding of two workshops to help identify the potential impact of Brexit on the Council and external organisations in the City.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to agree the proposals as outlined in this report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>

Members are reminded that at their meeting in August the Committee agreed

'in order the help identify the potential impact of Brexit on the Council, community organisations, the business and other sectors, to the holding of two workshop/events, with one event being internally focused and the other to host the external sectors'.

Officers have considered the options for the holding of these workshops, given that there has been a number of Brexit related events, to maximise participation and the benefits for those attending. It is proposed therefore that the following be undertaken:

- **External workshop:** officers to arrange a workshop for business and community & voluntary sector stakeholders and invite them to an externally facilitated workshop in mid-October to explore and identify potential impacts of Brexit. A report of the workshop will be brought back to Committee in November.
- **Internal engagement:** it is proposed that rather than one workshop that officers use the various internal communications channels, including information sessions, Team Brief and Interlink to engage with staff around the potential impacts of Brexit. This engagement will be used for both information gathering and sharing with the activities tailored to what is required for various staff.

Financial & Resource Implications

There will be expenses related to the holding of the workshop and engagement activities but these will be met through existing departmental resources.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

There are no implications relating to this report.

4.0	Appendices
	None



Subject:	Update on EU Settlement Scheme
Date:	20 th September 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kim Walsh, Business, Research & Development Manager, City & Neighbourhood Services

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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the EU Settlement Scheme
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the update provided.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u> To allow EU citizens and their families to continue to live and work in the UK after 31 December 2020 (the end of the proposed transition period) the UK government reached an

agreement with the EU in March 2018 called the EU Settlement Scheme. This includes all EU citizens who arrive in the UK before 31 December 2020. EU citizens will need to get 'Settled' or 'pre-settled' status to continue to live and work in the UK after December 2020. (As a general rule someone with a 'pre-settled' status can apply for 'settled' status once they have lived in the UK for 5 years.)

People with a 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status can live in the UK and:

- work in the UK
- use the NHS
- enrol in education or continue studying
- access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if eligible for them
- bring family members to the UK after 31 December 2020
- travel in and out of the UK

High level details of the scheme are currently available on the Home Office's website <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families>.

In summary:

- The scheme applies to EU citizens and their family members in the UK (spouse, parents, children and dependent relatives).
- Only 3 conditions to be eligible:
 - Proof of ID
 - 5 years residence in UK (if you are in the country before the end of 2020, you can have temporary status until you reach the 5 years and then you have to apply using this same process).
 - No serious convictions.
- Irish citizens are exempt from the scheme
 - Irish citizens enjoy a right of residence in the UK that is not reliant on the UK's membership of the EU. They will not be required to apply for status under the scheme (but may do so if they wish), and their eligible family members (who are not Irish citizens or British citizens) will be able to obtain status under the scheme without the Irish citizen doing so.
- The scheme will be fully open by the end of March 2019 and the deadline for applying will be 30 June 2021.
- An application will cost £65 for adults and £32.50 for children under £16. It will be free for those with valid documented permanent residence or valid indefinite leave to remain or enter and also for looked after children.

	<p>The Home Office will be running campaigns advertising the scheme over the coming months and there are also proposing to run regular teleconferences with local authorities across the UK, updating them on how this scheme will be implemented. Members will be kept updated on the scheme as further information is made available.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no 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>
4.0	Appendices
	None

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Subject:	UK Government Technical Notices for 'no deal' Brexit scenario
Date:	20 th September 2018
Reporting Officer:	Nigel Grimshaw, Strategic Director City & Neighbourhood Services
Contact Officer:	Kim Walsh, Business, Research & Development Manager, City & Neighbourhood Services.

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Call-in	
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	The purpose of this report is to bring to the attention of Members the technical notices produced by the UK government to help sectors prepare in the case of a 'no deal' scenario.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to note the report.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>

On 23 August 2018 the UK government published 25 technical notices setting out information to allow businesses and citizens to understand what they would need to do in the event of a 'no deal' scenario. These notices are meant for guidance only but to enable them to make informed plans and preparations. Further batches of technical notices are to be published in September to set out further details of how this scenario will work and what businesses and citizens should do to prepare. The UK government still believes a negotiated deal with the EU is possible.

The first 25 technical notices cover the following areas:

Overview

- [UK government's preparations for a no deal scenario](#)

Applying for EU-funded programmes

- [The government's guarantee for EU-funded programmes if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Horizon 2020 funding if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Delivering humanitarian aid programmes if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Civil nuclear and nuclear research

- [Nuclear research if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Civil nuclear regulation if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Farming

- [Farm payments if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Receiving rural development funding if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Importing and exporting

- [Trade remedies if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Trading with the EU if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Classifying your goods in the UK Trade Tariff if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Exporting controlled goods if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Labelling products and making them safe

- [Labelling tobacco products and e-cigarettes if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Developing genetically modified organisms \(GMOs\) if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Producing and processing organic food if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Money and tax

- [VAT for businesses if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Banking, insurance and other financial services if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Regulating medicines and medical equipment

- [Batch testing medicines if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Ensuring blood and blood products are safe if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [How medicines, medical devices and clinical trials would be regulated if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Submitting regulatory information on medical products if there's no Brexit deal](#)
- [Quality and safety of organs, tissues and cells if there's no Brexit deal](#)

State aid

- [State aid if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Studying in the UK or EU

- [Erasmus+ in the UK if there's no Brexit deal](#)

Workplace rights

- [Workplace rights if there's no Brexit deal](#)

All the notices can be found at: <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/how-to-prepare-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal>

Financial & Resource Implications

There no financial implications relating to this report.

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

There are no implications relating to this report.

4.0	Appendices
	None

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