

Brexit Committee

The Brexit Committee is responsible for researching, monitoring and reviewing the financial, resource or operational impact upon the Council and the district as a result of the UK's leaving the European Union and for making recommendations to Council on such issues (or to the relevant Standing Committee where appropriate).

Its specific functions include:

- Articulating the Belfast specific issues to be considered as part of the negotiation and transition arrangements
- The continuous monitoring of progress and announcements around Brexit
- Influencing and contributing to regional considerations of the implications of Brexit on both the work of the Council and on the district
- Identifying any actions the Council may take to mitigate any adverse impacts arising and capitalising on any opportunities as a result of Brexit
- Reviewing changes to legislation arising out of Brexit and analysing the likely impact which they may have upon the delivery of council services
- Fostering and maintaining positive relations and cultural links with the EU
- Maintaining and promoting social cohesion within the district post Brexit
- Monitoring the impact on migrant workers, skills gaps and issues arising with regard to various sectors in the labour market
- Financial and budget assumptions and implications for the district arising out of Brexit
- Identifying the implications for EU grant funding and alternative funding opportunities
- Seeking to influence decisions with regard to continuing access to and distribution of EU funds (including Peace, Culture and Interreg programmes)
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to achieve the objectives as set out within the Belfast Agenda
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to continue to attract and retain investment and grow the rate base
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to increase trade with existing and potential trade partners (access to supply chains / import and export issues)
- Hearing evidence from other parties

Operating Protocol

- Meeting monthly
- Decisions ratified by full Council

- Decisions subject to call in as per all Standing Committees (subject to exceptions within the 2014 Act)
- Agenda items normally going to other Standing Committees which identify Brexit implications will be referred to the Brexit Committee for consideration and decision.
- In respect of any other matter which may require some consideration in the context of Brexit, the Brexit Committee will act in an advisory capacity, with reports referred to it either directly by the reporting officer or by another Standing Committee.

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