



Subject:	Motion - Backstop Option
Date:	9 th August, 2018
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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
	To bring to the Committee's attention a Motion regarding a Brexit Backstop Option, which was presented to the Council at its meeting on 4 th June.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is requested to; <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the Motion and take such action thereon as may be determined.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>

The following motion regarding a Brexit Backstop Option, which was proposed by Councillor Walsh and seconded by Councillor Carson, was presented to the Council at its meeting on 4th June:

"This Council supports paragraph 49 of the agreed Joint Report from the Negotiators of the European Union and the British Government of December 2017 which is an approach that will ensure there is no hardening of the border in Ireland.

The Council wishes to see the 'backstop' option, as defined in paragraph 49, included in the legally binding Withdrawal Agreement and agrees to lobby for retaining the 'backstop' in the Withdrawal Agreement unless and until something better emerges. In addition, the Council demands that the full EU rights of citizens are protected, as proposed in the current draft Withdrawal Agreement."

In accordance with Standing Order 13(f), the Motion was referred without discussion to the Brexit Committee.

Financial & Resource Implications

None associated with this report

Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

None associated with this report