

Appendix 2

Overview of Relevant Council Notices of Motion

A number of Notices of Motion, which have been considered by Members and outline the Council's position in relation to Brexit and the ongoing negotiations between the UK and the EU. These include:

- Welcoming and valuing 'the contribution of newcomers and immigrants to the economy, society and culture of the city and commits to acting decisively to prevent hate crime and prejudice and to build a city that is open, welcoming and safe for everyone who lives and works here' (July 2016).
- Calling 'upon the European Commission to agree a special designated status for the North of Ireland, following Brexit. This special status should incorporate provisions included within the Good Friday Agreement in particular Strand Two, and uphold the human rights and equality protections currently in place which are derived from our current membership of the European Union' (June 2017).
- Recognising 'the critical importance of the EU Single Market to the economy of the City of Belfast and calls for a special deal to be put in place for Northern Ireland in context of Brexit that would facilitate continued participation in this Single Market' (November 2017).
- Agreeing to "establish a formal Brexit Standing Committee, made up of Elected Members, with appropriate officer support, to undertake all necessary work required to bring forward a report with recommendations to explore the impact of Brexit on Belfast and its citizens." (March 2018)
- Agreeing "the ever growing importance of relations between Belfast City and Dublin City as the main economic drivers within each jurisdiction. Furthermore, regardless of the outcome of negotiations around Brexit, it is imperative that relations continue to flourish between both cities, to the mutual benefit of all along this increasingly significant economic corridor." And "Accordingly, this Council agrees to establish a joint plan around co-operation regarding working relationships within the economic corridor. Going forward, this Council commits to ensuring key areas of progress and

collaboration focussing on: A complementary approach to inward investment and job growth; Achieving Inclusive growth; and Developing Infrastructure and connectivity.” (May 2018).

- Supporting "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.” And wishing “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.” (July 2018 - referred to the Brexit Committee)