



Subject:	Update on the EU Settlement Scheme
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Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

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

<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the EU Settlement Scheme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to note the update provided.

<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that a report was brought to the February meeting of this Committee, advising Members that the Migrant Forum had been scheduled for 4th March, and that Officers use the meeting of the Migrant Forum to get their views on the format the information session should take. The feedback from the Migrant Forum is that they would find it useful if the information session is held once the Scheme is fully opened.</p> <p>Members are advised that The Executive Office has arranged for the Home Office to provide a series of information sessions on the Scheme for EU Citizens resident in NI, voluntary and community groups and businesses in a number of locations including Belfast during the w/c 18<sup>th</sup> March.</p> <p>Through the Migrant Forum officers will continue to liaise with the Executive Office and where appropriate we will work with them in disseminating information around the EU Settlement Scheme and in organising the information session. As Members have been previously advised we are aware that a local consortium has applied for funding from the Home Office Fund, but at the time of writing a decision has not yet been made on their application. As we would hope to work with any group/consortium that receive this funding, it is likely therefore that the information session will be held post Easter.</p> <p><u>Financial &amp; Resource Implications</u></p> <p>To deliver the Information Session will require the use of the City Hall for one day and a small budget to cover tea and coffee which will come out of existing resources.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p>
	<b>Appendices</b>
	None