



Subject:	Brexit Committee Workplan
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Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
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
	The purpose of this report is to provide the Committee with a draft workplan for their consideration. It is proposed that the draft workplan covers the period up to the exit date of 31 st October and that it is revisited after this date when it is likely that the situation around EU exit will be clearer.
2.0	Recommendations
	Members are asked to agree the workplan as outlined in this report, subject to any additions or amendments Committee may request.

3.0	Main report
	<p data-bbox="272 255 421 291"><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p data-bbox="272 309 1445 490">Members are reminded that at its meeting in June it requested that a draft workplan be submitted to this meeting for their consideration and that 'in terms of the impact of Brexit upon Workers/Human Rights and on the environment, agreed that the following be invited to attend a future meeting:</p> <ul data-bbox="320 510 1021 750" style="list-style-type: none"><li data-bbox="320 510 817 546">• Representatives of Trades Unions<li data-bbox="320 562 1002 598">• Representatives of environmental organisations;<li data-bbox="320 613 863 649">• Dr. Mary Dobbs – Queen’s University;<li data-bbox="320 665 1019 701">• Professor Colin Harvey – Queen’s University; and<li data-bbox="320 716 692 752">• Dr. Daniel Holder – CAJ. <p data-bbox="272 822 1461 956">The Committee also agreed that the Local Government Auditor be invited to attend a future meeting in order to discuss the section within the Local Government Auditors Report 2019 referring to local government preparations for leaving the European Union.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1023 1466 1205">A request has also been made by the Chair to invite a representative from the Department of Economy to update the Committee on the recently published data paper on Northern Ireland’s trade and investment under ‘no deal’ as part of the Northern Ireland Civil Service’s work on EU Exit.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1272 1425 1561">Members are also advised that Officers have met with representatives from the Office of the Northern Ireland Executive in Brussels and that their Director, Andrew Elliott has offered to attend the Committee meeting in September to update Members on the programme of work that the Office is currently undertaking. Members are reminded that Andrew and his team were helpful in identifying people to meet and providing contact details during the organisation of the previous visit to Brussels.</p> <p data-bbox="272 1628 1386 1809">Officers have now contacted the various people as outlined above to determine their availability to attend Committee and their responses are outlined in the table below. Subject to Committee agreeing the proposed speakers list, Officers will confirm these dates.</p>

Brexit Committee	Attendees	Organisation
September	Prof. Colin Harvey & Daniel Holder, Deputy Director	QUB & CAJ
	Andrew Elliot, Director	NI Executive Office in Brussels
	Shane Murphy, Head of Analytical Services	Dept for the Economy
October	Sean Kelly, Development Manager to co-ordinate forum leads	Northern Ireland Environment Link (NIEL)
	Dr. Mary Dobbs	QUB
Has agreed to attend Committee but date not yet agreed	Owen Reidy, Assistant General Secretary	Northern Ireland Committee - ICTU
Awaiting a response	Pamela McCreedy Chief Operating Officer and Local Government Auditor	NI Audit Office

Members are also advised that a request was sent to Party Group Leaders seeking any additional speakers they wished to add to the list and to date none have been received.

In addition to the above speakers it is proposed that in the period up to 31st October, the following reports are brought to Committee for consideration:

Report Title	Areas covered	Committee date
Update on Day 1 preparedness	Council preparations to ensure business continuity for its critical services	Recommendation that this is a standing item
Update on legislative alignment	Report on the various European Directives and legislation governing the work of the Council	September
Update on eastern economic corridor	Report on the work that is ongoing in relation to the development of this	September
Update on medium term planning	The potential impact on the City of Brexit in the medium term and support that may be required	October
Update on EU Settlement Scheme – Information sessions	Update on the holding of information sessions on	October

	Update on QUB research	Report on the work currently being undertaken by QUB in relation to future relations with the EU	TBD when the report becomes available
<p>As Members will be aware information in relation to EU exit is continually becoming available. If any relevant information is released in the period up to the 31st October reports on this will be brought to Committee. Members may also have specific issues that they would like to request, through Committee, that a report be produced and these can be added to the workplan as required.</p> <p>Given that there is ongoing uncertainty around the outcome and timings of the exit from the EU, it is proposed that the workplan is revisited after 31st October, when it is likely that the situation around EU exit will be clearer and this is brought to the November Committee meeting for consideration.</p>			
<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no specific financial or resource implications relating to this report but there may be implications related to specific papers and these will be outlined in the relevant report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no equality or good relations implications relating to this report.</p>			
<p>Appendices</p>			
<p>None</p>			