



Subject:	Update on the EU Settlement Scheme
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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
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the latest statistics from the Home Office in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Members of the Committee are asked to recommend that, in accordance with the Council decision of 4th May, the Chief Executive exercise her delegated authority to note the contents of the report.

3.0	Main report
	<p><u>Key Issues</u></p> <p>The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) enables EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK, and their family members, to obtain the UK immigration status they will require to live, work and study in the UK after 30 June 2021. Irish Citizens are not required to apply to the EUSS but may choose to do so.</p> <p>Members are reminded that regular updates on the EUSS have been brought to this Committee.</p> <p><u>Number of applications</u></p> <p>The statistics covering the period up to 31st December 2020 were released on 25th February 2021 and a breakdown of the applications for Northern Ireland by local council area are included as appendix 1. Some key facts are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As of 31 December 2020, just under 5 million (4,916,280) applications had been received, with 90% received in England, 5% in Scotland, 2% in Wales and 2% in Northern Ireland. • 79,110 applications have been made in Northern Ireland and 15,640 of these have been made in Belfast. • Northern Ireland had a noticeably higher proportion (18%) of applications from applicants under 18 compared to the rest of the UK (less than 15% for each other nation). • In Belfast, the highest number of applications were from Polish (4,380) and Romanian (2,740) nationals. • Of the applications submitted in Belfast, 91% have been concluded and of these 56% were awarded settled status and 41% pre settled status¹. <p><u>Closing date for applications</u></p> <p>Members are reminded that the application process will close on the 30th June and that the Council are promoting any notifications around the process through its normal communications channels.</p>

¹ Pre-settled status entitles the person to apply for settled status after they have 5 years' continuous residence in the UK. <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>

	<p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u></p> <p>There are no financial or resource implications relating to this report.</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u></p> <p>There are no implications relating to this report.</p>
	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1: Statistics relating to EU Settlement Scheme by local council area</p>