

SECTION 2 - STANDING COMMITTEES

36. *Standing Committees*

The following shall be the Standing Committees of the Council:

- (a) Strategic Policy and Resources
- (b) City Growth and Regeneration
- (c) People and Communities
- (d) Licensing
- (e) Planning
- (f) Belfast Waterfront and Ulster Hall Ltd Shareholders' Committee
- (g) Brexit**

37. *Duties of Committees*

The Standing Committees shall be responsible to the Council for the matters described hereunder and shall control the various Departments which carry out the functions of the Council, that is to say

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(g) Brexit Committee

The Brexit Committee will be responsible for researching, monitoring and reviewing the financial, resource or operational impact upon the Council and the district as a result of the UK's leaving the European Union and for making recommendations to Council on such issues (or to the relevant Standing Committee where appropriate).

Its specific functions include:

- Articulating the Belfast specific issues to be considered as part of the negotiation and transition arrangements;
- The continuous monitoring of progress and announcements around Brexit;
- Influencing and contributing to regional considerations of the implications of Brexit on both the work of the Council and on the district;
- Identifying any actions the Council may take to mitigate any adverse impacts arising and capitalising on any opportunities as a result of Brexit;
- Reviewing changes to legislation arising out of Brexit and analysing the likely impact which they may have upon the delivery of council services;
- Fostering and maintaining positive relations and cultural links with the EU;
- Maintaining and promoting social cohesion within the district, post Brexit;
- Monitoring the impact on migrant workers, skills gaps and issues arising with regard to various sectors in the labour market;

- Financial and budget assumptions and implications for the district arising out of Brexit;
- Identifying the implications for EU grant funding and alternative funding opportunities;
- Seeking to influence decisions with regard to continuing access to and distribution of EU funds (including Peace, Culture and Interreg programmes);
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to achieve the objectives, as set out within the Belfast Agenda;
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to continue to attract and retain investment and grow the rate base;
- Ensuring the ability of Belfast to increase trade with existing and potential trade partners (access to supply chains / import and export issues); and
- Hearing evidence from other parties.