

Title of Report: BREXIT – Day One Readiness	Officer Presenting: Lead Assurance Officer Author: Lead Assurance Officer
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1 Purpose of Report/Recommendations

- 1.0 Members are asked to note and endorse the work that is ongoing in relation to preparing the Council for Day One Readiness in the event of a No Deal Brexit specifically in relation to the delivery of Council services and functions.

2 Background

- 2.1 Members will be aware from previous committee reports of the ongoing continued work by Council in respect of the wider implications, challenges and opportunities of BREXIT to the City & District, the North West and the wider City Region.
- 2.2 In addition to this, in June 2018, SOLACE established a Brexit Task & Finish Working Group to consider the Day One Readiness of Councils; with a view to ensuring that all Councils are taking a consistent approach in preparing for Brexit specifically and only in relation to the potential impact on Council Services. Council Officers are taking a proactive role with colleagues in each of the other 10 Councils to ensure that areas of risk are identified and appropriate mitigation and control measures are in place to manage the risks where possible.

3 Key Issues

- 3.1 The Brexit Task & Finish Working Group has developed a NI Risk Register, which is attached at Appendix A. The high scoring risks on the register currently relate to the following areas:
- 3.1.1 Economic Development – Cross Border & EU Trade including Inward Investment, Tourism, EU funding and Grant Aid.

- 3.1.2 Environmental Health – Food Processing & Agri- Business, other Service Implications, Consumer Protection/Production and Cross Border Enforcement.
 - 3.1.3 Strategic, Infrastructural and Operational Issues – Waste Management and Local Planning functions/Community Planning.
 - 3.1.4 Miscellaneous – Utilities (Gas, Electricity) and Emergency Planning / Civil Contingencies.
 - 3.1.5 The Brexit Task & Finish Working Group are liaising with Central Government Departments and relevant Professional Officer Groups to ensure that all risks are identified and mitigated where possible.
- 3.2 In addition to this, Council Officers are currently in the process of developing a Council specific risk matrix, examining the risks and impacts of a No Deal Brexit to the Day One Readiness of Derry City and Strabane District Council.

4 Financial, Equality, Legal, HR, Improvement, and other Implications

- 4.1 There are a range of potential implications, mainly financial, which have been captured in the risk register.

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are asked to note and endorse the work that is ongoing in relation to preparing the Council for Day One Readiness in the event of a No Deal Brexit specifically in relation to the delivery of Council services and functions.