

Report to Cabinet

Title:	Brexit Preparedness
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Local members affected:	All
Portfolio areas affected:	All

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Summary

Buckinghamshire County Council continues to work closely with partners to proactively prepare for Brexit, taking practical actions to mitigate risks and harness opportunities as these become clearer. The attached paper provides an overview of Buckinghamshire's preparedness for Brexit as a place, with an emphasis on the work of the Council to date.

Recommendation

Cabinet is recommended:

To adopt the following actions in preparation for Brexit:

- 1. BCC to work with social care providers to promote EU Settlement Scheme take-up by EU nationals working in the sector.**
- 2. BCC to undertake all EU Settlement Scheme suggested actions (assuming positive follow up).**
- 3. BCC to develop and deliver, in partnership with BBF, a second Brexit Summit as part of the Buckinghamshire Business Festival.**

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

1. Buckinghamshire County Council has been proactively preparing for Brexit, taking early actions to analyse the local implications of Brexit and steps to mitigate or maximise emerging opportunities, ensuring the best possible outcome for Buckinghamshire.

2. The attached report summarises the Council's preparations and sets out the rationale for the recommendations to Cabinet.

B. Other options available, and their pros and cons

3. The Council could decide not to adopt the recommendations and take a more passive approach to Brexit, although it should be noted that Government has recently advised councils that departments will increase their engagement to ensure readiness for Brexit, and this is likely to result in an increase in the pace of Brexit preparations.

C. Resource implications

4. No resource implications for recommendation 1.

5. Government funding will be available to implement recommendation 2.

6. Currently exploring resource implications for recommendation 3 with Buckinghamshire Business First.

D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment

7. Not applicable at present.

E. Legal implications

8. Not applicable.

F. Property implications

9. Not applicable.

G. Other implications/issues

10. Not applicable.

H. Feedback from consultation, Local Area Forums and Local Member views

11. The implications of the attached report have been discussed with the Leader and a number of Cabinet Members and Deputy Cabinet Members.

12. We are satisfied that there are no concerns regarding the attached report.

I. Communication issues

13. Not applicable.

J. Progress Monitoring

14. Actions related to Brexit will continue to be monitored by the Brexit Task & Finish Group, the Council's Brexit CMT Lead and the Leader.

K. Review

15. If and when necessary depending on national developments.

Background Papers

16. Brexit preparedness report attached.

Your questions and views

If you have any questions about the matters contained in this paper please get in touch with the Contact Officer whose telephone number is given at the head of the paper.

If you have any views on this paper that you would like the Cabinet Member to consider, or if you wish to object to the proposed decision, please inform the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on 7 December. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk