

Report to Cabinet

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

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Summary

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 note and support the Council's work with partners, businesses, and voluntary and community sector organisations to ensure the resilience and preparedness of Buckinghamshire as a place
- To note and support the Council's role in supporting the roll out of the EU Settlement Scheme
- To note and support the Council's 'no deal preparations'

A. Narrative setting out the reasons for the decision

1. 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

2. 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

3. No resource implications above the MHCLG grant for Brexit preparations.

D. Value for Money (VfM) Self Assessment

4. Not applicable.

E. Legal implications

5. Not applicable

F. Property implications

6. Not applicable

G. Unitary Council

7. Not applicable

H. Other implications/issues

8. Not applicable.

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

9. We have regularly engaged with Members to ensure they are sighted and aware of our Brexit preparations, ensuring a robust level of scrutiny and check and challenge.

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

J. Communication issues

11. Not applicable

K. Progress Monitoring

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

L. Review

13. If and when necessary depending on national developments.

Background Papers

14. Brexit summary of preparations 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, please inform the Democratic Services Team by 5.00pm on Friday 22 March 2019. This can be done by telephone (to 01296 382343), or e-mail to democracy@buckscc.gov.uk