

EU Exit Risk Assessment Update- September 2019

Introduction

Brexit is included on the Councils Strategic Risk Register 'EU Exit'. This document sets out the background to that risk and the mechanisms in place to deal with the EU Exit scenario.

Structure

The structure for dealing with EU Exit is set out below.

Central Government

Secretary of State for MHCLG oversees the arrangements for EU Exit at a National level feeding into appropriate Local Resilience Forums throughout the country.

Essex

At an Essex level matters are controlled and overseen by the Local Resilience Forum who liaise and communicate with the following organisations.

1. Central Government
2. Blue Light services.
3. Health Services.
4. Local Authorities.
5. Others – Military and Highways etc.

Discussions and meetings are ongoing between the Essex Local Resilience Forum and all authorities, including Brentwood Borough Council regarding being prepared in the event of a EU Exit. In addition, arrangements are in place in advance of any EU Exit for a regular communication between the various parties to ensure all organisations are kept up to date with any matters arising.

Brentwood

As required by Central Government Brentwood's nominated Brexit Officer is the Interim Chief Executive, Steve Summers.

Brentwood's Executive Board and Corporate Leadership Board continually review the Council's Business Continuity Plans and undertake exercises to ensure employees are ready for any matters arising.

Identified Risks and mitigations

In line with the Council's current Business Continuity Plans the following have been identified as risks associated with any EU Exit. Some of these will be immediate and others will be 'slow burn' over a longer period of time.

No	Subject Matter	Risk	Mitigation
1	Information Technology	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Disruption to Broadband• Data Access	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Council system is 'cloud based'• Review of all contracts for Data Access
2	Fuel/Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Fuel shortage• Transport congestion	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of Fuel shortage plan• Identify priority services• Employees to 'work from home'
3	Housing	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Increase in Housing applications• Increase in Homeless presentations and demand on Temporary accommodation• Disruption to Repairs and Maintenance• Disruption to construction projects	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of Housing Continuity Plan• Prioritise emergencies• Review projects
4	Economy	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Negative or restricted growth to business market in Brentwood• Lack of business confidence	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Signpost Businesses to Government advice• Work with Chamber of Commerce and FSB
5	Finance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reduced rent/CTax/NNDR income if prices rise and effect lower incomes• Contracts/suppliers – supply chain. Cost increases, disrupted ability to supply goods/services• Effects on inflation/sterling value	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Continue Financial Management Processes• Monitor effects and review Medium Term Financial Plan• Contract Management• Procurement Reviews
6	Communications	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Lack of communication to residents, Members and Employees.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implementation of Communications Business Continuity Plan
7	Service Delivery	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Restriction on Service Delivery• Impact on Employees	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Implement Business Continuity Plans• Employees to work from home

			<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Priority for Reception, Streetscene and Housing employees to attend place of work• Communication provided through Contact Centre for residents• Remind employees of 'Well Being' service
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