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## **Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

Wednesday 9 January 2019

2pm

Warspite Room, Council House

**Members:**

Councillor Morris, Chair

Councillor Fletcher, Vice Chair

Councillors Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Cook, Mavin, Stevens and Wheeler.

Members are invited to attend the above meeting to consider the items of business overleaf.

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Chief Executive

# **Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

## **1. Apologies**

To receive apologies for non-attendance submitted by Councillors.

## **2. Declarations of Interest**

Councillors will be asked to make any declarations of interest in respect of items on the agenda.

## **3. Minutes (Pages 1 - 8)**

To confirm the minutes of the previous meeting held on 7 November 2018.

## **4. Chair's Urgent Business**

To receive reports on business which in the opinion of the Chair, should be brought forward for urgent consideration.

## **5. Emergency Planning (To Follow)**

## **6. Community Cohesion (Pages 9 - 14)**

## **7. Work Programme (Pages 15 - 18)**

## **8. Tracking Decisions (Pages 19 - 22)**

## **Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Wednesday 7 November 2018**

### **PRESENT:**

Councillor Morris, in the Chair.

Councillor Fletcher, Vice Chair.

Councillors Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Cook, Mavin, Stevens and Wheeler.

Also in attendance:

Paul Barnard (Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure), Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure), David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development), Councillor Evans OBE (Leader), Sally Farley (Strategic Transport Manager), Patrick Hartop (Head of City Deal), Helen Prendergast (Democratic Adviser), Kevin McKenzie (Policy and Intelligence Adviser), Amanda Ratsey (Head of Economy, Enterprise and Employment), Nina Sarlaka (Enterprise and Inward Investment Manager) and Robert Watson (Marine Business Technology Centre Director).

The meeting started at 2pm and finished at 4.30pm.

*Note: At a future meeting, the Panel will consider the accuracy of these draft minutes, so they may be subject to change. Please check the minutes of that meeting to confirm whether these minutes have been amended.*

### 26. **Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest made by Councillors in accordance with the code of conduct.

### 27. **Minutes**

The Committee agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2018 are confirmed as a correct record subject to the amendment (minute 22 refers) (Councillors Buchan, Carson, Churchill, Cook, Stevens and Wheeler left the meeting, as it was running over schedule and did not participate further in the meeting).

### 28. **Chair's Urgent Business**

There were no items of Chair's urgent business.

29. **Progress Report on the Development of the Oceansgate Enterprise Zone and a General Employment Update**

Councillor Evans OBE (Leader), David Draffan (Service Director for Economic Development), Patrick Hartop (Head of City Deal), Nina Sarlaka (Enterprise and Inward Investment Manager) and Robert Watson (Marine Business Technology Centre Director) presented the progress report which highlighted the development of the Oceansgate Enterprise Zone, as a key employment site in the City for marine businesses and a major centre for innovation and collaboration, together with a general update on employment trends and other key employment initiatives.

- (a) in 2014 as the flagship project of Plymouth and Peninsula City Deal, the Government allowed the Council to negotiate the transfer of 7.5ha of South Yard from the MOD to local authority ownership which enabled the development of Oceansgate as a major marine hub; in 2015 Oceansgate was designated as an Enterprise Zone;
- (b) the marine sector was Plymouth's largest and most productive sector directly employing around 7100 people which accounted for 21% of the UK's marine manufacturing sectors;
- (c) progress to date included –
  - the completion of Phase I in May 2018 which created 177 jobs (99 construction jobs) and accommodation comprising of Endurance Court and Endeavour House;
  - funding for Phase 2 was currently being assembled (£13.4m which included £2.2m of ERDF); construction was due to commence in April 2019 with completion in Spring 2020; accommodation provided would include one office and three light industrial units which would create 150 jobs (99 construction jobs);
  - the Devonport Naval Heritage Museum occupied a number of buildings on the site and the Council was in negotiations with the National Museum of the Royal Navy to relocate the museum to South Yard;
  - Phase 3 incorporated the waterfront which was the largest but most challenging phase; the Council's strategy was to attract a strong presence of innovative marine businesses that required access to in-sea test facilities;

- (d) employment headlines included -
- the City had marginally more people economically active (75.2% per 106,000) than nationally (74.8%);
  - claimant unemployment was at the lowest rate for 10 years (4,825);
  - workers in the City earned approximately £519.90 per week compared to £538.70 nationally;
  - the growth in the private sector, between 2011 and 2016 had been mostly in construction, accommodation and food services, self-employment and manufacturing;
- (e) the Council's employment interventions which aimed to create economic growth included –
- continuing to build additional factories such as Header Court;
  - support for the City Centre and Waterfront Business Improvement Districts;
  - drawing inward investment to create high value and volume jobs such as Fugro, Thales, BD and Sitel;
  - continued support for Plymouth Science Park;
  - business support through Business Relationship Programme, Growth Hub, Start UP, Growth Support Programmes;
  - sector support such as Marine Business Technology Centre, Connected Plymouth, Destination Plymouth, fisheries support, defence industry support;
  - provision of Plymouth City Council managed workspace at City and East End business centres;
  - ensuring that the Council's work with the voluntary and community sector, social enterprises, cooperatives and mutuals created inclusive economic growth.

The key areas of questioning from Members related to –

- (f) whether the link between the Marlborough Street shopping district and Oceansgate would be improved;
- (g) the risks associated with the delivery of Oceansgate Phase 3 due to the unavailability of EU funding;
- (h) the timescales associated with the delivery of the Devonport Naval Heritage Museum;
- (i) whether the Council would be putting in place measures to assist Barden Corporation UK relating to the recent decision to close the factory with the loss of 400 jobs;
- (j) whether work was being undertaken with the 1025 18 to 24 year old claimants regarding training and apprenticeship opportunities within the City;
- (k) with the predicted negative growth of the City's population (in the 16 to 64 age group) from 2018 to 2023 was the planned provision of housing developments still required;
- (l) why the electricity industry had seen a decrease between 2011 – 2016 in full time equivalent jobs within the City, when during this period the incinerator had come on-line.

The Committee requested the following information –

- (m) the number of jobs per sector which indicated growth and the decline in number rather than shown in percentages;
- (n) analysis of data regarding the gender split for part time jobs in the City;
- (o) the provision of further detail relating to the north and south divide of the City, in terms of average weekly wages (as not performing as well as the national average).

The Committee noted the report.

30. **EU Funding and Shared Prosperity Funding**

Amanda Ratsey (Head of Economy, Enterprise and Employment) presented the report which highlighted the five main EU funding streams which form part of the Structural and Investment Funds, together with grants and contracts available from the EU.

- (a) the five main funding streams were as follows -
- the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) which provided funding to support regional growth and reduce difference in economic performance between regions;
  - Interreg supported transnational projects with a goal to foster transnationals co-operation;
  - the European Social Fund (ESF) which invested in people, with a focus on improving employment and education opportunities across the EU; it also aimed to improve the situation of the most vulnerable people at risk of poverty;
  - the European Maritime and Fisheries Fund (EMFF) which supported the EU's maritime and fisheries policies for 2014 - 2020;
  - European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD) which supported European policy on rural development and provided funding for rural development programmes;
- (b) the draft Withdrawal Agreement anticipated that the UK would continue to participate until programmes ended in 2023; the Government announced a guarantee that it would cover all projects funded by the EU under the 2014 - 2020 programme;
- (c) the Government estimated that the EU funding streams were worth €1.495b to the South West region which was nearly 20% of the UK's total funding received;
- (d) the allocation of EU Structural Funds to the Heart of the South West LEP area (of which Plymouth was a part of) was £120m;
- (e) a UK Shared Prosperity Fund would be created specifically designed to reduce inequalities between communities across the four nations.

The key areas of questioning from Members related to -

- (f) the risks associated with not being able to secure an 'offer letter' for the Council's current projects being progressed through the EU's funding streams;
- (g) the risks also associated with the timescale of implementing the Shared Prosperity Fund;

- (h) whether the Council was pro-active in trying to secure the 'offer letters' in order to guarantee funding for the Council's current projects;
- (i) whether the City's MPs could provide assurance, that the projects currently awaiting approval within the EU's funding streams, were fully supported and that the 'gap' which occurred when EU funding ceased and the Shared Prosperity Fund was launched would be addressed.

31. **Strategic Transport Schemes Update**

Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure), Paul Barnard (Service Director for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) and Sally Farley (Strategic Transport Manager) provided an overview of the transport infrastructure.

The key areas of the report included –

- Road Investment Strategy 2;
- RIS 2 Investment Strategy for A38 (Plymouth Asks);
- Transforming Cities Fund;
- Sub-National Transport Body;
- Derriford transport scheme;
- Sendalls Way signals upgrade;
- Charlton Road signalised junction;
- Charles Cross scheme;
- Forder Valley link road;
- Forder Valley interchange;
- Northern Corridor junction phases 4-5 Mannamead Road;
- Eastern Corridor junction improvements 2017/18 – 2020/21;
- update – Woolwell to the George;
- WTTG programme;
- Morlaix Drive – progress update/programme;
- Pomphlett to The Ride.

The key areas of questioning from Members related to –

- (a) which Cabinet Member had responsibility for the Traffic Regulation Orders (TROs) and the Temporary Traffic Regulation Orders (TRROs);
- (b) whether a mechanism could be put in place to inform all Councillors of any strategic highway issues, TROs and TRROs.



Councillor Coker (Cabinet Member for Strategic Planning and Infrastructure) gave an assurance that the Committee's views on informing all councillors of strategic highways issues, TROs and TTROs, would be fed back to the Highways Team and the Strategic Infrastructure Board.

The Committee noted the report.

32. **Work Programme**

The Committee noted its work programme for 2018/19 and agreed to include the following items –

- (1) social cohesion (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 9 January 2019;
- (2) Emergency Planning (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 9 January 2019;
- (3) New Plan for Homes scheduled for 9 January 2019;
- (4) Environmental Legislation (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 6 March 2019.

33. **Tracking Decisions**

The Committee noted the progress of its decisions.

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**PLYMOUTH CITY COUNCIL**

**Subject:** Community Cohesion  
**Committee:** Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview  
and Scrutiny Panel  
**Date:** 9 January 2019  
**Cabinet Member:** Councillor Penberthy (Cabinet Member for Housing and Co-operative Development)  
**CMT Member:** Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)  
**Author:** Darin Halifax (Senior Policy Advisor)  
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**Ref:** BILCO/003/18  
**Key Decision:** No  
**Part:** I

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**Purpose of the report:**

The report provides an overview of community cohesion in the city and related issues arising from the decision of the UK to leave the EU.

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**Corporate Plan**

The Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Scrutiny Panel will hear what the current community cohesion issues are in the city and how we could respond to address them. This links to our values of being democratic and cooperative. The recommendations made by the panel will inform the development of our Caring City priorities particularly “people feel safe in Plymouth” and “a welcoming city.”

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**Implications for Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:  
Including finance, human, IT and land**

None arising directly from the recommendation of this report.

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**Other Implications: e.g. Child Poverty, Community Safety, Health and Safety and Risk Management:**

The report addresses community safety issues arising from the decision of the UK to leave the EU.

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**Equality and Diversity**

Has an Equality Impact Assessment been undertaken? No – the context of this report will inform EIA approaches depending on Brexit related decisions in the coming months.

**Recommendations and Reasons for recommended action:**

Members of the panel are asked to note the report.

**Alternative options considered and rejected:**

There are no specific recommendations for which alternatives are required.

**Published work / information:**

Census 2011  
 City Survey 2014  
 All NINO data sourced from DWP stat explore

**Background papers:**

Title	Part I	Part II	Exemption Paragraph Number							
			1	2	3	4	5	6	7	

**Sign off: Not required as no decision is being taken.**

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Originating SMT Member N/A													
Has the Cabinet Member(s) agreed the contents of the report? Yes													

**1. INTRODUCTION**

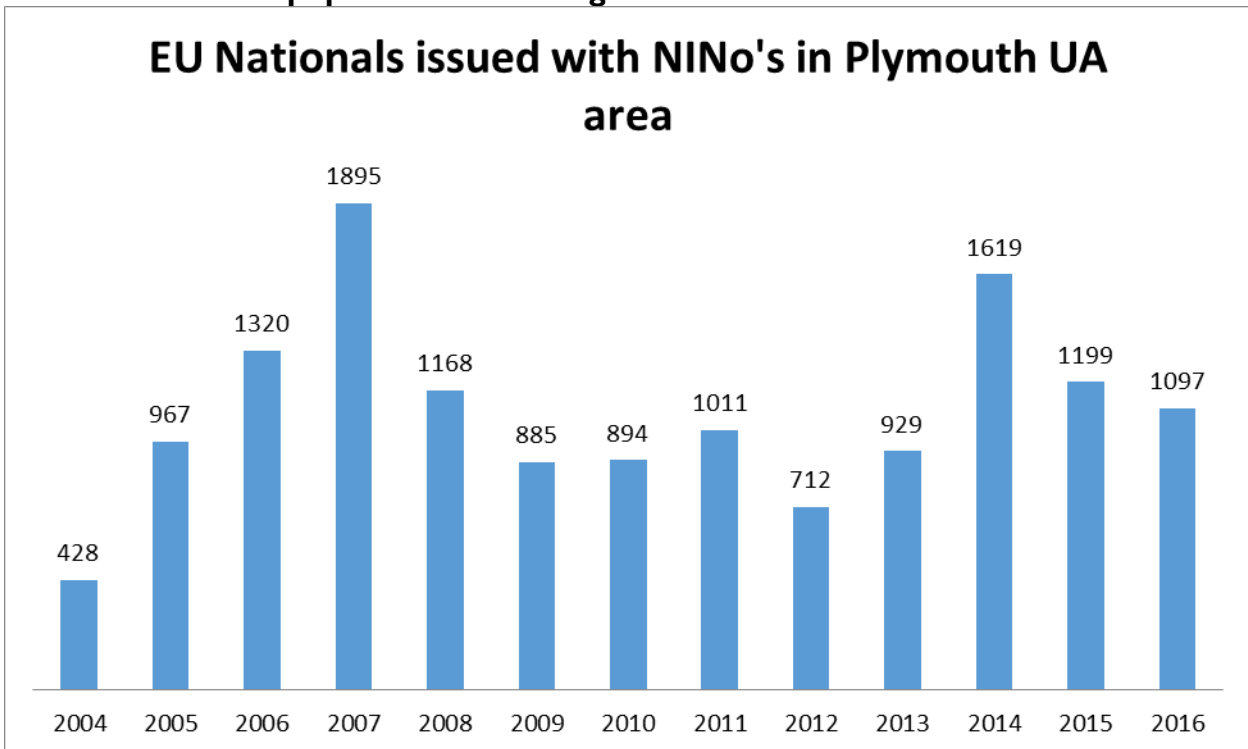
1.1 Following the local elections in May 2018 the new administration has established a Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Scrutiny Committee. At its first meeting the panel received a report setting out the broad implications of Brexit for the City. The report noted that there could be a negative effect on community cohesion as the Brexit negotiations progress and especially when an eventual outcome is completed. This reports sets out the community cohesion landscape now and what could be done to mitigate any negative effects that may happen as a result of Brexit.

**2. OUR CURRENT POPULATION**

2.1 In common with most urban areas Plymouth has seen a significant influx of migrant workers and their families from the EU. Between January 2004 when free movement restrictions on the A8 accession countries (Czech Republic, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland, Slovakia and Slovenia) were lifted and December 2016 a total of 14,119<sup>i</sup> National Insurance Numbers (NINOs) have been issued to EU nationals who were resident in Plymouth at the time. Of these 7963 were men and 6159 were women, 76% were aged between 25 and 44.

2.2 The increase was primarily the result of EU enlargement. Only 20% came from countries which were EU member states in 2001. The majority came to the UK from the A8 accession countries (74%), there were also a small number of Romanians who would have been sponsored (6%).

**Estimated current population of EU migrants.**



2.3 Between 2001 and 2011 cross referencing Census and NINO data suggests that just under half of EU migrant workers issued with NINOs elected to stay in the City. Assuming a similar proportion and their dependents opted to stay after 2011 we estimate around 11,300 EU nationals were resident in the City in December 2016.

Demographic	Population
Total migrants from the EU	11,300
Men	5,100
Women	3,600
Children	2,260

2.4 Analysis by Parliamentary Ward shows that the majority (88%) of EU migrants coming into Plymouth in 2014 were resident in Plymouth, Sutton and Devonport when they applied. Recent data is not available at smaller geographies.

### 3. COMMUNITY COHESION/ PLYMOUTH CITY SURVEY

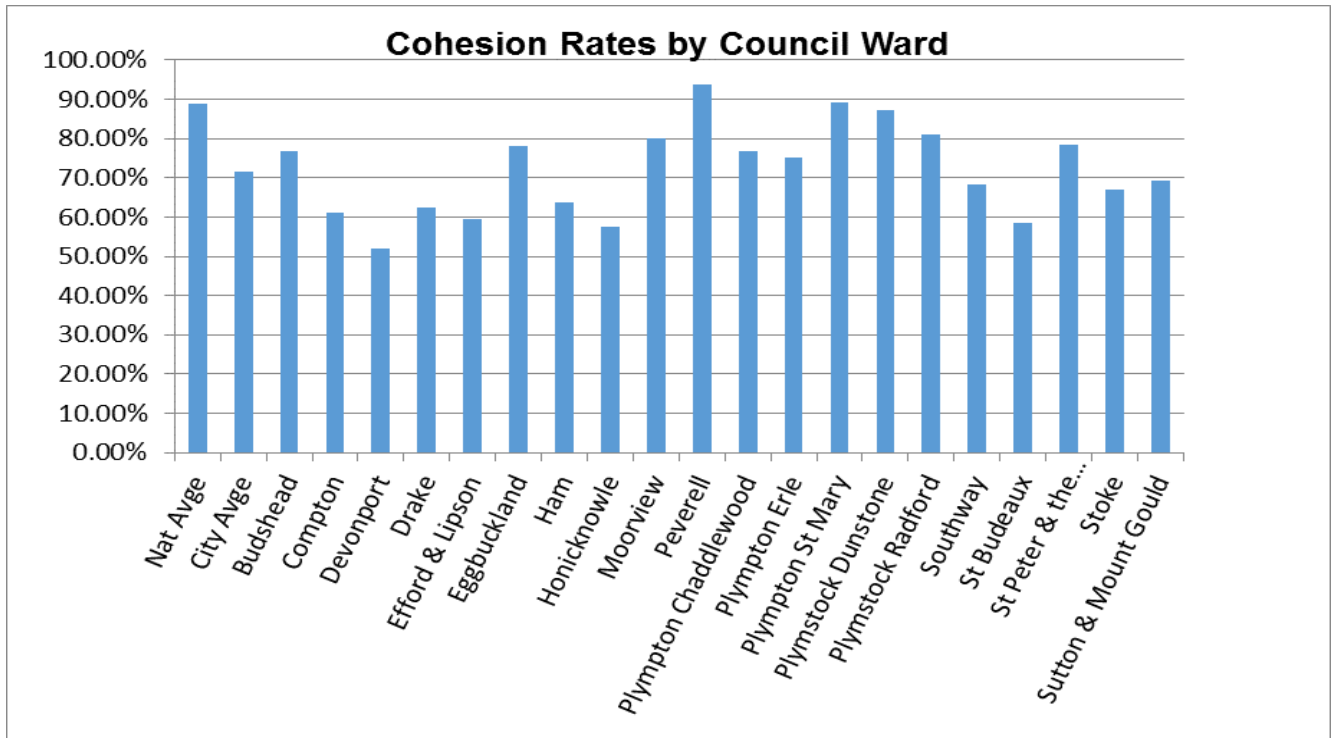
3.1 The Plymouth City Survey was distributed to 8,000 households in partnership with Marketing Means with 2,296 valid surveys returned, giving a response rate of 28 per cent. Within the survey was a specific question “My local area is a place where people from different backgrounds get on well together”. This question was included in the survey as a specific measure of community cohesion.

3.2 At the Citywide level our headline cohesion rate is 17.3% below the most recently recorded national figure. At ward level only 2 of 20 wards score above the national rate.

	2012	2014	2018	City Gap	Nat Gap
<b>England</b>	86%	86%	89%	N/A	N/A
<b>Plymouth</b>	82.1%	76.2%	71.7%	N/A	-17.3%

3.3 The survey also told us:

- Efford and Lipson, St Budeaux, Honicknowle and Devonport, have the lowest measures of community cohesion in the city.
- City wide, there are large variations by age. Younger people aged 16-34 years and those aged 45-64 are less likely to agree that people from different backgrounds get on well together.
- There is also a notable drop in the cohesion scores for visible minorities. Historically, these groups have produced very high scores, but in 2018 they are some of the lowest – however, these findings are based on a very small number of responses and therefore the confidence in this data is low.
- There is also a strong correlation between a high rank in the 2015 Index of Multiple Deprivation (IMD) and a low cohesion score. However, this is not universal - St Peter and the Waterfront has a relatively high score despite being one of the most deprived wards in the city.
- It has been previously noted that the presence of significant diversity in the community acts to mitigate against low cohesion scores. St Peter and the Waterfront is the most ethnically diverse ward in the city and although this pattern seems to hold for most wards, cohesion rates dropped by 16 per cent on 2014 figures in Drake which is the second most diverse ward.



#### 4. HATE CRIME

- 4.1 In 2017, there were a total of 443 hate crimes and incidents reported in Plymouth, which is a small decrease on the figures reported in 2016. There are a number of reasons for this but the main difference was the structural change within Plymouth City Council and the development of the new Community Connections service. However, there has been some significant partnership work this year to ensure that people are able to report hate crime easily and quickly. This includes the development of 21 community based third party reporting centres in partnership between Devon and Cornwall Police and Plymouth City Council

#### 5. STRATEGIC CONTEXT

- 5.1 Given the City Survey results, the key issues that need to be addressed include;
- There is a real need to promote community cohesion in our 'left behind white communities'.
  - The best way to overcome prejudice is to encourage social mixing. Sports, arts and cultural events are ideal because language is much less of a barrier.
  - We would need to engage a sufficient proportion of the local population to create a large pool of the 'convinced' to influence the local narrative of place.

Citywide activities that could result in improved community cohesion both now and post Brexit include:

#### **Deliver employability programme in target wards with high level of skills deprivation**

Views expressed by members of the wider community include resentment of the ability of migrant workers to secure employment and a feeling that their willingness to work for low wages has depressed wages in the wider economy. Recent evidence to our Brexit Scrutiny committee included an anecdotal reference to a recent Bus Strike. The 'Brits' it was claimed, phoned in to say they could not get to work because the buses weren't running, the Poles walked. Manufacturing provides 1 in every 8 jobs in our city, some of our factories have a workforce that is 35% EU migrant labour. They are currently unable to recruit sufficient personnel.

Similar shortages are anticipated post Brexit in construction, hospitality and the care sector. Enhancing the work readiness of the young and long term unemployed or economically inactive will be vital to meet future demand for labour.

### **Deliver programme of ward level community events**

Our migrant communities are well integrated and do not feel isolated, but they are not living in our 'left behind' communities. We do not want communities in our city to be living separate lives, but if we don't intervene this is the direction of travel. The Integrated Communities Green Paper recognises that it is often in our most economically disadvantaged communities that we see division, isolation and a sense of being left behind. In involving local communities in decisions about social and economic regeneration, we should look to unite communities behind their common interest in making their areas more prosperous, better places to live and providing more opportunities for the future. The Green Paper proposes measures to ensure that people, particularly those living in residentially segregated communities, have opportunities to come together with people from different backgrounds and play a part in civic life.

## **6. POTENTIAL POST BREXIT COHESION IMPACTS**

- 6.1 Plymouth is not considered at high risk of Brexit related civil disturbances in terms of national resilience planning. The focus of this planning is on a no deal situation. Plymouth voted by a substantial majority to leave the European Union.
- 6.2 This was especially the case in the North of the City with Budshead, Ham, Honicknowle, Moorview, Southway and St Budeaux wards all recording leave vote percentages between 5% and 10% higher than the city average. Whilst Ham, Honicknowle and St Budeaux all have relatively low cohesion scores, Budshead and Moorview score significantly higher.
- 6.3 Given this pattern it is possible that a worsening of community cohesion could occur if the outcome is that the referendum is set aside in favour of a new referendum or a deal is agreed that falls short of community expectations of distance from the EU.
- 6.4 It is possible that certain industries might protest in specific situations, e.g. Fishermen and / or Farmers could protest at ports if the deal, or no deal, is not favourable to their specific expectations.
- 6.5 A shortage of food or medical supplies could be an issue. Careful messaging is needed to avoid creating panic when there is no shortage. We have seen recently how perception of shortage can rapidly empty supermarket shelves.
- 6.6 There are sections of the community that will be particularly vulnerable to economic shocks following a no deal Brexit. In particular low income families who already rely on a food bank, and those who are on the edge of poverty but who have so far managed to cope could be pushed into dependency by a sharp rise in food prices.
- 6.7 Whilst there is some evidence nationally of non-EU migration filling gaps which would formerly have been filled by EU migrants, there is insufficient evidence to establish this as a trend. A higher level of visible diversity tends to mitigate against poor cohesion, with the possible exception of minority faiths, in particular Islamophobic responses to an increase in the size of the Muslim community.

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<sup>ii</sup> All NINO data sourced from DWP stat explore, NINOs issued by country of origin and Local Authority Area.



# Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview Scrutiny Committee

Work Programme 2018-2019



**Please note that the work programme is a 'live' document and subject to change at short notice. The information in this work programme is intended to be of strategic relevance.**

For general enquiries relating to the Council's Scrutiny function, including this Committee's work programme, please contact Helen Prendergast, Democratic Adviser on 01752 304022.

Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
<b>6 June 2018</b>	Brexit Overview	5 (High)	Overview on Brexit (impact on Plymouth)	Councillor Evans OBE/Kevin McKenzie
	Fishing and Fisheries (Pledge 37)	(5 High)	Overview of Fishing and Fisheries (impact on Plymouth)	Councillor Evans OBE/Kevin McKenzie
	Transport Infrastructure (Pledges 12 and 22)	(4 Medium)	Update on current position with strategic transport schemes	Councillor Coker/Paul Barnard
<b>4 July 2018</b>	Brexit – Impact on Skills	(5 High)	Overview of labour market and skills related issues arising that may impact the City from the decision of the UK to leave the EU	Councillor Jon Taylor/Judith Harwood
	Mayflower 400 (Pledge 68)	(4 Medium)	Update on current position with Mayflower 400	Councillor Peter Smith/Charles Hackett
<b>5 September 2018</b>	Brexit – Impact on Higher Education	(5 High)	Overview of Higher Education establishments related to issues arising that may impact the City from the decision of the UK to leave the EU	Councillor Jon Taylor/Judith Harwood
	The Box (Pledge 83)	(4 Medium)	Update on capital programme and overall programme (Pre decision scrutiny)	Councillor Peter Smith/Gareth Simmons/Paul Brookes
	Visitor Plan Refresh 2020-2030	(4 Medium)	Scope and seek feedback on priority areas for the visitor plan covering the next 10 years	Councillor Peter Smith/Amanda Lumley/Patrick Knight
<b>7 November 2018</b>	EU Funding	(5 High)	Overview and Impact of EU Funding	Councillor Evans OBE
	Oceansgate (including general employment update) (Pledge 2)	(5 High)	Update on Council's flagship employment initiative and update on general employment within the City	Councillor Evans OBE/Patrick Hartop/Nina Salkaka

Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
	Strategic Transport Schemes Update (Pledges 12 and 22)	(4 Medium)	Update on strategic transport schemes	Councillor Coker/Paul Barnard
<b>9 January 2019</b>	Emergency Planning	(5 High)	Overview of emergency planning in the event of there being a no deal Brexit	Councillor Hadyon/Ruth Harrell/Scott Senior
	Community Cohesion	(5 High)	Overview of the impact of Brexit	Councillor Penberthy/Darin Halifax
<b>6 March 2019</b>	Environmental Legislation	(5 High)	Overview of the impact of Brexit	Councillor Dann/David Draffan/Ruth Harrell
	New Plan for Homes	(5 High)	Overview of the Plan for Homes Scheme (Phase 3)	Councillor Coker/Paul Barnard
	Visitor Plan Refresh 2020-2030	(4 Medium)	Review the refreshed Visitor Plan 2020-2030	Councillor Peter Smith/Amanda Lumley/Patrick Knight
<b>Site Visits 2018/19</b>				
<b>20 July 2018</b>	The Box		Visit to review progress, construction programme and exhibition design	David Draffan
<b>20 September 2018</b>	City Centre		Visit to include Drake Circus Leisure, House of Fraser, Derry's, Colin Campbell Court and Toys R Us	David Draffan
<b>22 October 2018</b>	Oceansgate		Visit to the Council's flagship employment initiative	Patrick Hartop
<b>October 2018</b>	City Bus Tour of Development/Employment Sites		Tour to include all development and employment sites, acquisitions and direct development programme (visit Langage phase 2/3, Plymouth International, Range, Woolwell and Weston Mill)	David Draffan
<b>Items to be scheduled 2018/19</b>				
	The Box			Councillor Peter Smith/Gareth Simmons/Paul Brookes

Date of meeting	Agenda item	Prioritisation Score	Reason for consideration	Responsible Cabinet Member / Officer
	Climate Change (including Air Pollution)			
	Plymouth and South West Devon Joint Local Plan			
<b>Select Committee Reviews</b>				
<b>22 August 2018</b>	Fishing and Fisheries (Pledge 37)	(5)	To work with Plymouth's fishing industry to launch a Plan for Sustainable Fishing to secure the industry's future in the City and to respond to the Government's White Paper on Sustainable Fisheries for Future Generations	Councillor Evans OBE/Anthony Payne/external witnesses
<b>Joint Select Committee Reviews</b>				
<b>February 2019</b>	Universal Credit	(5)	<p>Recommendation from Cabinet to hold a Select Committee Review on the proposal to move claimants on 'legacy' benefits to Universal Credit and Recommendation from the Select Committee Review hold in March 2018</p> <p>Joint Review with Performance, Infrastructure and Legislative Change OSC</p>	Councillor Penberthy/Andrew Hardingham

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Minute No.	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
<p>5 September 2018</p> <p>Letter to the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government: Sustainable Communities Act 2007</p> <p>Minute 21</p>	<p>The Committee <u>agreed</u> that any responses received are circulated to all Committee Members.</p>	<p><b>Date: November 2018</b>  <b>Officer:</b> Helen Prendergast  <b>Progress:</b> A receipt acknowledgement had been received but no response to the letter.</p>
<p>5 September 2018</p> <p>Brexit – Impact on Higher Education</p> <p>Minute 23</p>	<p>The Committee <u>agreed</u> that the following recommendations ae submitted to Cabinet for consideration –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. to ask the Government to – <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• clarify the status of EU citizens in the UK in the event of a ‘no deal’;</li> <li>• take international students out of the net migration figures and given an assurance that changes to immigration rules and visa requirements will not limit the ability of universities to attract and recruit world leading researchers and teachers;</li> <li>• provide greater clarify on what the UK Share Prosperity Fund might look like and where;</li> <li>• offer EU nationals continued access to UK research facilities and a matched funding scheme to support international collaborative research;</li> </ul> </li> <li>2. to collaborate with the Higher Education sector to market the City internationally as an attractive place to study and as a destination for employers.</li> </ol> <p><b>Complete</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> November 2018  <b>Officer:</b> Helen Prendergast  <b>Progress:</b> The Committee’s recommendations were submitted to the Cabinet on 13 November 2018. The Cabinet’s responses are referenced in Appendix 1.</p>

## Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Minute No.	Resolution	Target Date, Officer Responsible and Progress
<p>7 November 2018</p> <p>Progress Report on the Development of the Oceansgate Enterprise Zone and a General Employment Update</p> <p>Minute 29</p>	<p>The Committee requested the following information</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• the number of jobs per sector which indicated growth and the decline in number rather than shown in percentages;</li> <li>• analysis of data regarding the gender split for part time jobs in the City;</li> <li>• the provision of further detail relating to the north and south divide of the City, in terms of average weekly wages (as performing as well as the national average).</li> </ul> <p><b>Complete</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> December 2018  <b>Officer:</b> Helen Prendergast  <b>Progress:</b> This information was circulated to Members via email on 5 December 2018.</p>
<p>7 November 2018</p> <p>Work Programme</p> <p>Minute 21</p>	<p>The Committee noted its work programme for 2018/19 and <u>agreed</u> to include the following items –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. community cohesion (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 9 January 2019;</li> <li>2. emergency planning (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 9 January 2019;</li> <li>3. New Plan for Homes scheduled for 9 January 2019;</li> <li>4. Environmental legislation (in terms of Brexit) scheduled for 6 March 2019.</li> </ol> <p><i>Note: subsequent to the 7 November 2018 meeting, New Plan for Homes will not be available for scrutiny in January 2019. This item has been scheduled for 6 March 2019 meeting.</i></p> <p><b>Complete</b></p>	<p><b>Date:</b> November 2018  <b>Officer:</b> Helen Prendergast  <b>Progress:</b> Items have been scheduled into the Committee’s work programme.</p>

## Recommendations from Cabinet 13 November 2018

Councillor Jonny Morris (Chair of the Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee (BILCO)) introduced the report from BILCO.

Following a debate Cabinet agreed to –

1. thank the Councillors of BILCO for their diligent consideration of the potential impact of Brexit on the City.
2. resolve to write to the representatives of Plymouth Manufacturing Group, Destination Plymouth, The University College of St Mark and St John and the University of Plymouth thanking them for giving their time and expert opinion.
3. note the progress made in implementing the recommendations it endorsed in September in relation to the Fishing and Fisheries Select Committee.
4. endorse BILCO's recommendations in relation to the impact of Brexit on Higher Education with the amendments noted below.

4.1 to ask the Government to:

**(a) clarify the status of EU citizens in the UK in the event of a 'no deal Brexit;**

*(Accepted) Reason – in spite of the progress made in implementing the Settled Status Scheme for EU migrants who will have 5 years residence in the UK by December 2020 there is still a lack of clarity in how this will be operated in the event of a 'no deal' Brexit.*

**(b) Take international students out the net migration figures and give an assurance that changes to immigration rules and visa requirements will not limit the ability of universities to attract and recruit world leading researchers and teachers;**

*(Accepted) Reason – International students contribute an estimated £120m annually to our local economy. The Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) report on International Students recognised that although international student numbers have risen in recent years, the UK's overall market share has fallen slightly and competitor countries are more active in recruitment. The MAC nevertheless rejected the suggested made by many respondents to their call for evidence to remove International Students from net migration figures arguing that, "if there is a problem with students in the net migration target, it is with the target itself rather than the inclusion of students in that target". Since the government has yet to commit to removing the target entirely we support the recommendation.*

- (c) **Provide greater clarity on what the UK Shared Prosperity Fund might look like and where possible to negotiate close relations with existing structures such as Framework Programme 9;**

*(Accepted) Reason – we anticipate details of the Shared Prosperity Fund will be published before Christmas 2018. The government may instead opt to maintain access to EU funding streams post Brexit. This will be clarified in the terms of the withdrawal agreement which will need to be in place by December 2018.*

- (d) **Offer EU nationals continued access to UK research facilities and a matched funding scheme to support international collaborative research;**

*(Accepted) Reason – the future ability of EU nationals engaged in research in the UK and vice versa to access research facilities is also likely to be clarified in the withdrawal arrangements.*

- (e) **Allow us greater flexibility in how we use Adult Education and Schools funding and the residual balance of the Apprenticeship Levy.**

*(Added) We want to use the funding we already have more flexibly to improve the performance of our secondary schools around STEM subjects and to support our development of an Apprenticeship/Skills hub, e.g. each year c£2m is spent on Maths and English retakes across the City. We would like to pilot the flexible use of funds provided by the Department of Education for adult education and schools to provide additional support to pupils at risk of failure.*

- (f) **Devolve funding for further education, adult education and employment support programmes, enabling greater local control of careers' advice and guidance.**

*(Added) We have one of the most centralised employment and skills systems in the developed world. Local areas have little ability to influence priorities, funding or delivery. With over 13,000 people in our City in receipt of Employment Support Allowance we see the need for specific measures to support adults who have spent significant periods out of work through ill health. Businesses are an essential part of the local conversation to re-engineer the education and skills landscape so that industry directly benefits from developing the local workforce.*

- (g) **Higher education sector to collaborate with the Plymouth Growth Board and/or Destination Plymouth to consider how best to market the City internationally as an attractive place to study and as a destination for employers and employees.**

*(Amended) Reason – the amendment locates lead responsibility with the University of Plymouth.*

5. to receive a further report in February 2019, covering the work BILCO expects to undertake in November 2018 and January 2019, in the context of the Administration's Pledge to undertake and publish research on the economic impact of Brexit both positive and negative.