

# Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee



Date of meeting:	21 October 2020
Title of Report:	<b>Scrutiny policy brief BILCO</b>
Lead Member:	Councillor Tudor Evans OBE (Leader)
Lead Strategic Director:	Giles Perritt (Assistant Chief Executive)
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Your Reference:	BILCO PB 09102020
Key Decision:	No
Confidentiality:	Part I - Official

## Purpose of Report

To provide Brexit, Infrastructure and Legislative Change Overview and Scrutiny Committee with the latest national picture in respect of policy announcements and legislation.

## Recommendations and Reasons

For Scrutiny to consider the information provided in regard to their role and future agenda items.

## Alternative options considered and rejected

N/A

## Relevance to the Corporate Plan and/or the Plymouth Plan

Delivery of the Corporate Plan and Plymouth Plan needs to take account of emerging policy and the legislative picture.

## Implications for the Medium Term Financial Plan and Resource Implications:

N/A

## Carbon Footprint (Environmental) Implications:

N/A

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

*\* When considering these proposals members have a responsibility to ensure they give due regard to the Council's duty to promote equality of opportunity, eliminate unlawful discrimination and promote good relations between people who share protected characteristics under the Equalities Act and those who do not.*

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## Appendices

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A	Briefing report title							
B	Equalities Impact Assessment (if applicable)							

**Background papers:**

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Please list all unpublished, background papers relevant to the decision in the table below. Background papers are unpublished works, relied on to a material extent in preparing the report, which disclose facts or matters on which the report or an important part of the work is based.

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Originating Senior Leadership Team member: Giles Perritt 13 October 2020											
Please confirm the Strategic Director(s) has agreed the report? Yes (Verbal) Date agreed: 13/10/2020											
Cabinet Member approval: Councillor Evans OBE Leader Date approved: 13/10/2020											

## Government Policy, Legislative Announcements and News


### Legislation going through parliament

#### Government Bills

- [Agriculture Bill](#) – **Ping Pong 12.10.2020**  
The Agriculture Bill will underpin a new agricultural system based on the principle of public money for public goods.
- [Fisheries Bill](#) – **Report stage 13.10.2020 HofC**  
A bill to make provision in relation to fisheries, fishing, aquaculture and marine conservation; to make provision about the functions of the Marine Management Organisation; and for connected purposes.
- [Immigration and Social Security Co-ordination \(EU Withdrawal\) Bill](#) – **Report stage 06.10.2020 HoL**  
A Bill to make provision to end rights to free movement of persons under retained EU law and to repeal other retained EU law relating to immigration; to confer power to modify retained direct EU legislation relating to social security co-ordination; and for connected purposes.
- [Trade Bill](#) – **Committee stage 13.10.2020 HoL**  
A Bill to make provision about the implementation of international trade agreements; to make provision establishing the Trade Remedies Authority and conferring functions on it; and to make provision about the collection and disclosure of information relating to trade.
- [United Kingdom Internal Market Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> reading TBC HoL**  
To make provision in connection with the internal market for goods and services in the United Kingdom (including provision about the recognition of professional and other qualifications); to make provision in connection with provisions of the Northern Ireland Protocol relating to trade and state aid; to authorise the provision of financial assistance by Ministers of the Crown in connection with economic development, infrastructure, culture, sport and educational or training activities and exchanges; to make regulation of the provision of distortive or harmful subsidies a reserved or excepted matter; and for connected purposes.

#### Private Members Bills

- [Border Control Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> reading 15.01.2021. HofC**  
This Bill will make provision about requirements for non-UK citizens seeking leave to enter the United Kingdom; to make provision about a process for the removal from the United Kingdom of non-UK citizens, in certain circumstances and on the basis of established criteria; and for connected purposes.
- [European Citizens' Rights Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> reading 16.10.2020. HofC**  
A Bill to guarantee the immigration rights of EU, EEA EFTA and Swiss citizens resident in the United Kingdom; to require the Government to provide such persons with physical proof of those rights; and for connected purposes.
- [European Union \(Information, etc.\) Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> reading TBC. HoL**  
A Bill to make provision for information and statistics to be available in various public places about the European Union and to provide information to further the establishment of twinning arrangements between towns in the United Kingdom and elsewhere in the European Union in accordance with the European Union's town twinning support scheme.
- [Immigration \(Health and Social Care Staff\) Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> reading 30.10.2020 HofC**  
A Bill to grant indefinite leave to remain to health and social care staff; and for connected purposes.
- [Trade Agreements \(Exclusion of National Health Services\) Bill](#) – **2<sup>nd</sup> Reading 30.10.2020 HofC**  
A Bill to exclude requirements relating to National Health Services procurement, delivery or commissioning from international trade agreements; to require the consent of the House of Commons and the devolved legislatures to international trade agreements insofar as they relate to the National Health Services of England, Scotland and Wales and Health and Social Care in Northern Ireland; and for connected purposes.

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2 October	<p><b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">£200 million Port Infrastructure Fund opens for bids</a></p> <p>The government has launched a £200 million fund for ports to build new facilities. The fund is targeted at those ports that have the space to build new border infrastructure on their current sites so that they are ready to handle new customs requirements under the new Border Operating Model. The funding can be used for a range of vital port infrastructure - from warehouses and control posts to traffic management systems. The deadline for applications is midday on 30 October, with successful bids announced shortly after.</p>	Press release
1 October	<p><b>Department for Environment, Food &amp; Rural Affairs</b> <a href="#">Training fund launched to help vets prepare for 1 January 2021</a></p> <p>Defra has launched a £300,000 fund for vets and local authority officials to access free training to support the UK preparedness for the end of the transition period. The new fund aims to boost the number of vets that are qualified to certify products of animal origin and equines for export.</p> <p>It will also aim to increase the number of Certification Support Officers (CSOs) who can support OV's and FCCOs through a range of preliminary tasks to prepare consignments for certification but cannot sign health documentation in their own right.</p>	
30 September	<p><b>Ministry of Housing</b> <a href="#">"Permitted development" homes to meet space standards</a></p> <p>New homes delivered through Permitted Development Rights will have to meet space standards. The space standard begins at 37m<sup>2</sup> of floorspace for a new one bed flat with a shower room (39m<sup>2</sup> with a bathroom), ensuring proper living space for a single occupier.</p>	Announcement
30 September	<p><b>Home Office</b> <a href="#">Campaign launched to ready businesses for points-based immigration system</a></p> <p>The Home Office has launched a new campaign to ensure businesses are ready for the introduction of the UK's new points-based immigration system as free movement ends.</p> <p>The nationwide marketing campaign will run throughout the Autumn, using a wide range of channels to reach employers, including radio, social media, digital, and outdoor advertising.</p> <p>The key message for businesses is that the way they hire from the EU is changing, and to recruit from outside the UK, they will need to be a licensed sponsor.</p>	Announcement
30 September	<p><b>Department for Environment</b> <a href="#">UK and Norway sign historic fisheries agreement</a></p> <p>The UK has signed an historic fisheries agreement with Norway – the UK's first since leaving the EU and first as an independent coastal state in 40 years. The Fisheries Framework Agreement will mean that the UK and Norway hold annual negotiations on the issues of access to waters and quotas.</p>	Announcement
29 September	<p><b>Migration Advisory Committee</b> <a href="#">Migration Advisory Committee reviews shortage occupation lists</a></p> <p>A number of occupations should be added to the Shortage Occupation List (SOL), the Migration Advisory Committee (MAC) has advised. Senior</p>	Announcement

	<p>care workers and nursing assistants are among the occupations that should be added to the SOL to relieve pressure when freedom of movements ends.</p> <p>Other occupations which should be added to the UK-wide list include butchers, bricklayers and welders, where there is clear evidence of staff and skills shortages which could be filled by overseas workers.</p>	
28 September	<p><b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">Meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee on 28 September</a></p>	Announcement
24 September	<p><b>HM Treasury</b> <a href="#">Chancellor outlines Winter Economy Plan</a></p> <p>The Chancellor Rishi Sunak outlined additional government support to provide certainty to businesses and workers impacted by coronavirus across the UK. The package includes a new Jobs Support Scheme to protect millions of returning workers, extending the Self Employment Income Support Scheme and 15% VAT cut for the hospitality and tourism sectors, and help for businesses in repaying government-backed loans.</p>	Announcement
23 September	<p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Trade barriers removed to boost business</a></p> <p>In the financial year 2019/2020, the Department for International Trade (DIT) has removed 175 trade barriers to trade across 61 countries worldwide, opening new global markets for British exporters.</p> <p>British businesses can now export more freely and openly and invest in global markets. Barriers include unnecessary, legal, regulatory, or administrative requirements. This includes labelling restrictions, out-of-date regulations, and licensing requirements.</p>	Press release
23 September	<p><b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">Written Ministerial Statement: fourth meeting of the Withdrawal Agreement Joint Committee</a></p>	Announcement
23 September	<p><b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">Preparations for the end of the Transition Period</a></p>	Announcement
23 September	<p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">Negotiations on the UK's Future Trading Relationship with the US: Update</a></p> <p>The fourth UK-U.S. Free Trade Agreement (FTA) negotiating round took place from 8 September to 18 September 2020. There were 29 sessions held in this round, covering 16 different chapter areas. Significant progress has been achieved since launching negotiations in May 2020, and most chapter areas are now in the advanced stages of talks.</p>	Announcement
18 September	<p><b>Foreign, Commonwealth &amp; Development Office</b> <a href="#">New information campaign to help Brits prepare for EU travel changes</a></p> <p>A new public information campaign is being launched by the UK government to help British travellers prepare for changes when visiting Europe from 1 January 2021, following the end of the UK's transition period. It includes information about the new rules around passport validity, driving and travelling with pets, as well as reminding travellers to obtain comprehensive travel insurance and check official government travel advice before going abroad.</p>	Press release
14 September	<p><b>Cabinet</b> <a href="#">Prime Minister opening statement – second reading of the UKIM bill</a></p>	Announcement
11 September	<p><b>HM Treasury</b> <a href="#">Duty Free extended to the EU from January 2021</a></p>	News story

	British passengers travelling to EU countries will be able to take advantage of duty-free shopping from January 2021, bringing our approach to the EU in line with the rest of the world. Passengers will be able to buy duty-free alcohol and tobacco products, where available, in British ports, airports, and international train stations, and aboard ships, trains and planes.	
11 September	<p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK and Japan agree historic free trade agreement</a></p> <p>The UK has secured a free trade agreement with Japan, which is the UK's first major trade deal as an independent trading nation and will increase trade with Japan by an estimated £15.2 billion.</p> <p>The deal is tailored to the UK economy and secures additional benefits beyond the EU-Japan trade deal, giving UK companies exporting to Japan a competitive advantage in a number of areas. It will help to create jobs and drive economic growth throughout the whole of the UK.</p>	Press release
10 September	<p><b>Home Office</b> <a href="#">New international student immigration routes open early</a></p> <p>New routes for international students to apply for visas will open early delivering on the government's commitment to introduce a new points-based immigration system. The Student route and Child Student route will both open on 5 October 2020 to the best and brightest international students from across the globe.</p> <p>There will be no limit on the number of international students who can come to the UK. This will help to increase the total number of international students choosing to study in the UK higher education system each year to 600,000 by 2030, as set out in the International Education Strategy published in March 2019.</p>	News story
9 September	<p><b>Cabinet Office</b> <a href="#">UK Internal Market Bill introduced today</a></p> <p>A new Bill to protect jobs and trade across the whole of the United Kingdom after the Transition Period ends will be introduced to parliament. The UK Internal Market Bill will guarantee companies can trade unhindered in every part of the UK as they have done for centuries, ensuring the continued prosperity of people and business across four parts of the UK, while maintaining our world-leading high standards for consumers, workers, food, animal welfare and the environment.</p>	News story
9 September	<p><b>Department for Business, Energy &amp; Industrial Strategy</b> <a href="#">Government sets out plans for new approach to subsidy control</a></p> <p>The UK will follow World Trade Organisation subsidy rules after the end of the transition period. The government also confirmed that the UK will adhere to any international obligations on subsidies agreed under future free trade agreements.</p>	Announcement
7 September	<p><b>Department for International Trade</b> <a href="#">UK goes direct to EU businesses with new campaign</a></p> <p>The Government has launched a new campaign to help EU businesses get ready for the end of the transition period on 31 December 2020. The new campaign will be delivered through a range of channels including high-impact print advertising in pan-European and country-specific titles, digital display advertising, paid search and paid social media promotion across LinkedIn, Facebook and Instagram.</p>	Press release