



Agenda

To all Members of the

OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Notice is given that a Meeting of the above Committee is to be held as follows:

Venue: Council Chamber - Civic Office

Date: Wednesday, 27th February, 2019

Time: 10.30 am

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Items for Discussion:

1. Apologies for absence.
2. To consider the extent, if any, to which the public and press are to be excluded from the meeting.
3. Declarations of Interest, if any.

Jo Miller
Chief Executive

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Governance Officer for this meeting

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4. Public Statements.

[A period not exceeding 20 minutes for statements from up to 5 members of the public on matters within the Committee's remit, proposing action(s) which may be considered or contribute towards the future development of the Committee's work programme].

A. Reports where the public and press may not be excluded.

5. Update on Brexit (*Pages 1 - 6*)

MEMBERSHIP OF THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Chair – Councillor Kevin Rodgers
Vice-Chair – Councillor John Healy

Councillors Bev Chapman, Neil Gethin, Richard A Jones, Jane Kidd,
Andrea Robinson and Paul Wray

Invitees:

Paul O'Brien

Education Co-optees*

Bernadette Nesbit
John Hoare

*Education Co-optees are invited to attend the meeting and vote on any Education functions which are the responsibility of the Authority's Executive. They may also participate in but not vote on other issues relating to Children and Young People.



Doncaster Council

Report

Date: 27th February 2018

To the Chair and Members of the OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

BREXIT

Relevant Cabinet Member(s)	Wards Affected	Key Decision
All	All	No

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

1. The BREXIT report to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee (OSMC) on 2nd September 2018 was largely predicated on the UK Parliament's objective to leave the European Union (EU) with a deal on the EU exit day (29th March 2019). After the recent rejection of the Withdrawal Agreement (WA) by UK Parliament, the European Chief Negotiator Michel Barnier told the European Parliament that the risk of 'no deal' was now much greater and more preparations were needed.
2. The purpose of this report is therefore to ensure Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee receives relevant, timely, accurate information on the local, regional and national impact of the EU exit. A detailed presentation will accompany this report and will be presented to the Committee on the 27th February 2019 to provide the very latest position on BREXIT impact and preparations, in addition to the Committee receiving advice from Doncaster Chamber on the latest business sentiment.

EXEMPT REPORT

3. The contents of this report are not exempt.

RECOMMENDATIONS

4. The Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee are asked to note the contents of the report and the proposed presentation with a clear recommendation of continuing to monitor the situation and recommend any remedial actions should the Committee require.

WHAT DOES THIS MEAN FOR THE CITIZENS OF DONCASTER?

5. This is an uncertain time, with planning underway for a range of possible scenarios that may unfold over the coming weeks relating to an EU Exit. The multi-agency South Yorkshire Local Resilience Forum (SYLRF), which includes all the local authorities and blue light services in the region, has been working for the last few months to understand the consequences of an EU Exit, including a possible No Deal EU exit and to prepare contingency plans that will be used if necessary.
6. The presentation on the 27th February 2019 will reflect the current position set against four headings:
 - Economy
 - Goods and Services
 - Community Resilience
 - Planning, Risk Assessment and Co-ordination

NEXT STEPS

7. The Strategy and Performance Unit, Resilience and Emergency Planning and all relevant teams across the Council, will continue to monitor the situation ensuring any planned remedial interventions are actioned appropriately and in a timely manner.
8. Additional reports will be produced to cover the UK/EU negotiations programme (please see Appendix A) and developments in UK policy.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

9. The implications for this report have not been sought.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

10. The implications for this report have not been sought.

HUMAN RESOURCES IMPLICATIONS

11. The implications for this report have not been sought

TECHNOLOGY IMPLICATIONS

12. The implications for this report have not been sought.

HEALTH IMPLICATIONS

13. The implications for this report have not been sought.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

14. The implications for this report have not been sought.

CONSULTATION

15. The issue of BREXIT is currently being considered at all levels; at a national, regional and local level, a plethora of partners and organisations are currently involved and the impact and risks from these discussions form a rigorous weekly report back to HM Government.
16. The presentation has been compiled from information and analysis produced by teams across the Council.

BACKGROUND PAPERS

17. Please refer to the Brexit report presented to the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee on 2nd November 2018.

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Appendix A : Key dates in UK's divorce with EU

FEBRUARY 2019 - Commons approval

By now, Parliament must pass an Implementation and Withdrawal Bill Act, setting out the terms of Brexit.

UNTIL MARCH 29 2019 - Ratification

To take effect, the withdrawal agreement must be backed by at least 20 of the other 27 EU countries (and 65 per cent of their population). That decision must also be approved by the European Parliament. Any legally questionable elements of the withdrawal treaty could also be referred to the European Court of Justice by MEPs.

MARCH 29 2019 - Brexit day

Could produce a largely seamless transition or, if they fail to yield any deal, a much more chaotic “cliff edge” Brexit.

AFTER MARCH 30 2019 - *If a deal is reached.....*

APRIL 2019 - Trade talks and transition

Talks begin between the UK and the EU throughout a transition period lasting up to December 2020. During this time most aspects of UK's future relationship with the EU will be decided, with the UK remaining in the customs union and adopting free movement of goods, services and people. However, the UK also continues to pay membership contributions to the EU.

DECEMBER 31 2020 - An end to transition?

A full UK-EU trade deal expected to be agreed, but given the protracted nature of such talks, this may not be achieved. The EU insists on “backstop” provision to avoid a hard border in Ireland that will last unless new arrangements are implemented. Free movement of people will come to an end. Payments (other than those where the UK has legally committed to uphold e.g. migrant support in Turkey) will cease.

DECEMBER 31 2021 - Goodbye to the backstop?

The UK government says it expects that any “temporary customs arrangements” introduced as part of the backstop would cease by this time because alternative measures will have been put in place. The EU is highly sceptical.

MID 2020s - Journey's end?

Many business leaders caution against relying on advanced technology to speed-up customs clearances which would need years to put in place, delaying “full Brexit” until deep into the 2020s. A less ambitious “fast track” system on the US-Canada border took decades to develop and billions of dollars in investment.

AFTER MARCH 30 2019 - *If a No Deal is reached.....*

APRIL 2019

UK preparations for a no deal scenario will be tested. Emergency laws are drafted and ready to be put before Parliament, however there are many unknowns at this point.

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