


<p style="text-align: center;">London Borough of Hammersmith & Fulham</p> <p style="text-align: center;">PUBLIC SERVICE REFORM POLICY AND ACCOUNTABILITY COMMITTEE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">10 September 2019</p>	
<p>BREXIT IMPACT REPORT</p>	
<p>Report of the Cabinet Member for Public Service Reform – Councillor Adam Connell</p>	
<p>Open Report</p>	
<p>Classification - For Information Key Decision: No</p>	
<p>Consultation All Council Departments</p>	
<p>Wards Affected: All</p>	
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1. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

- 1.1. The attached Brexit Briefing paper is adapted from the latest in a series of briefings updating Cabinet Members on the potential impact of Brexit on H&F and the mitigating actions being planned or developed. Attached, as Appendix 1, is Briefing No.8.

2. PURPOSE OF THE PAPER

- 2.1. The report is for information and discussion, it makes no recommendations, proposals or options for analysis, for the Committee to consider.
- 2.2. The author of this report has consulted with all Council Departments in preparing the Brexit Briefings.

3. IMPLICATIONS

- 3.1. The report is for information. There are no recommendations so there are no equality, legal, financial, commercial or IT implications arising from the report itself.
- 3.2. There are many and varied potential financial implications of Brexit. The report sets out areas of financial risk including price inflation and interest rates, loss of funding and the impact of uncertainty and any slowdown in the wider economy on Council services and regeneration. Officers will continue to monitor and re-assess financial planning assumptions in these areas as further information becomes available.
- 3.3. From March 2019 industries such as construction, hospitality & catering, healthcare and retail sectors will be directly affected. Pay rates may have to increase (to attract resident workers) and this could affect the Council commercially as contract prices might increase. The potential implications for business of Brexit are covered in the briefing paper.
- 3.4. The potential risks arising from Brexit are in the paper and IT services is evaluating the impact on our service delivery.

4. RISK MANAGEMENT

- 4.1. The risk of a 'no-deal' Brexit (Workforce, Housing, Contracts, Residents, Finances) was added to the Council's Corporate Risk Register last year.
- 4.2. The attached briefing paper sets out officers' assessment of the potential impact of this risk on service delivery and details a range of current and planned mitigations which will be in place should this risk materialise. This is the latest in a series of papers prepared to ensure that the Council is assessing the impact of the decision to leave the EU on 31 October 2019.
- 4.3. Implications verified by: David Hughes, Director of Audit, Fraud, Risk and Insurance, tel: 020 7361 2389.

5. BACKGROUND PAPERS USED IN PREPARING THIS REPORT

None.

LIST OF APPENDICES:

Appendix 1 – Brexit Briefing No.8