

Enfield Brexit Panel: Action Note

Date: **26th March 2019**

Timing: **1300-1400hrs**

Venue: **Room 5.1, 5th Floor, Civic Centre**

Attendees:

Cllr Daniel Anderson (Chair), Sarah Cary, David Greely, Jill Harrison (Enfield CAB), Despina Johnson (Enterprise Enfield), Stuart Lines, Jayne Middleton-Albooye, Julie Mimmagh, Helen Papadopoulos, Claire Reilly, Shaun Rogan, Lee Shelsher, Tony Theodoulou and Gemma Young

Apologies: Andrea Clemons, Fay Hammond, Petra Lazar (Met Police – SPOC), and Steve West (LFB)

Draft Actions

1 Welcome and actions from last meeting (Item 1 attached)

- All items were noted, actions had been taken forward and were reported into the meeting.

Action point: **Jill Harrison** to utilise her contacts at Warburtons on behalf of the panel to seek a response as to their business planning around Brexit as a large employer in the Borough.

Update: Jill has contacted Warburtons – further response awaited from them

2 Political update on Brexit process

- No further actions on this item identified

3 Regional resilience update

- No further actions identified, watching briefing and further updates to follow

4 Brexit Communications review (attached)

Action: HR to consider best approach to ensure Council workforce who are EU Nationals receiving communications on registration process and those who may need assistance are offered it. (**Julie Mimmagh**)

Action: Adult Social Care colleagues to confirm that partner delivery organisations are content that planning is in place to prevent any disruption to their workforce. **(Tony Theodoulou)**

Action: David Greely and Lee Shelsher to discuss future communications content on community offer and FAQ's for website/libraries to assist local people with an update to come back to the next meeting. This to consider the different types of settled status (more than 5 years/less than 5 years). Also, to consider the offer in the light of the new guidance from Government on what library offers can consist of and what may need formal accredited advice provision from the CAB.

Update: Item on the agenda for meeting 9th April 2019

Action: Despina Johnson to share details of free consultation offer to local businesses/start ups via surgeries at Enterprise Enfield to be publicised via Council website. **(Despina Johnson/David Greely/Shawn Rogan)**

Update: Item on agenda for update 9th April 2019.

5 Options for allocation of dedicated Brexit resources (attached)

Action: Whilst broad areas of interest contained in the paper for the item were well-received more work on detail to be carried out. This to include: **Fay Hammond, Julie Mimmagh and Shawn Rogan** to consider how an additional internal staffing resource could be best configured/costed to meet organisational demand. Also, **Shawn Rogan and Jill Harrison** to consider how additional CAB resources could be deployed using the grant to support local people needing advice and support. Updates on both to come to next meeting.

Action: Consideration to be given to wider training needs in the VCS to assist local people facing challenges arising from Brexit. **(Jill Harrison/Shawn Rogan)**

Update: Item on agenda for meeting on 9th April 2019.

6 Any other business (Inc. date of next meeting)

The panel would meet again in 2 weeks (9 April 2019). Arrangements made via Fay Hammonds office.

Actioned: Next meeting is Tuesday 9 April at 3.00pm in Room 5.7.

Enfield Brexit Panel: Roundtable meeting

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Venue: **Room 5.1, 5th Floor, Civic Centre**

Invitees:

Cllr Daniel Anderson (Chair), Shaun Rogan, Peter Alekkou, Julie Mimmagh, Petra Lazar (SPOC – Police), Helen Papadopoulou, Jayne Middleton-Albooye, Jill Harrison (Enfield CAB), Fay Hammond, Despina Johnson (Enterprise Enfield), Stuart Lines, Steve West (LFB), Tony Theodoulou, Sarah Cary, David Greely, Lee Shelsher, Gemma Young, Andrea Clemons

Draft Agenda

- 1 Welcome and actions from last meeting (Item 1 attached)**
 - Update from London Resilience Network on fuel supplies (Item 1a)
 - Update on actions taken by Communications Team (Item 1a)
 - Update on enquiries to business on preparedness (Item 1a)
 - Update on meeting between LBE and CAB: Community Offer/Joint working (Item 1a – to follow)

- 2 Political update on Brexit process**

- 3 Regional resilience update**
 - Feedback on joint planning event in Enfield 20th March 2019 (Petra Lazar/Helen Papadopoulou)
 - Latest feedback from NHS – verbal update (Stuart Lines)
 - Latest feedback from London Resilience/London Council/MHCLG – verbal update (Helen Papadopoulou)

- 4 Brexit Communications review (attached)**

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This report feeds back on a number of key actions/updates identified at the meeting on 14 March 2019. The remainder will be picked during the business of the meeting on 26 March 2019.

- **Update from London Resilience Network/London Councils Coordinators on fuel/food supplies**

The Emergency Planning Team has contacted the London Resilience Network and The Operational Readiness Team (City of London/London Councils/MHCLG Liaison) with regard to planning on fuel availability to the general public.

Though a request for a written response has not yet been received from either source, a verbal response was received from The Operational Readiness Team who through his Government liaison work advised has given me a verbal response which is that the view of Government is there will not be a significant risk to the UK at this time.

There may be a short term increase in the demand for fuel but that will not affect fuel supplies. The belief is that any short terms issues with panic buying will be resolved through communication both national and at a local level to reassure the public that there is not a shortage of fuel.

The Government continues to make the point that it is the role of central government and community leadership to ensure there isn't any scare mongering taking place.

The same principle applies to issues around food availability and he believes that nothing will be sent out officially. A coordinating group continues to examine the impacts of food availability with specific attention being paid to potential changes in large supermarkets buying habits as they look to procure food from countries outside the EU, planning for this has been taking place for some time.

Local Authorities should be looking to support the smaller to medium enterprises in the borough to ensure they have plans in place once the EU exit takes place.

- **Update on actions taken by Communications Team**

David Greely reports that since the last meeting, as well as sign-posting residents and businesses to the revamped Enfield Council Brexit webpage for the latest information and guidance we have been reposting and promoting the Government's Brexit campaign on our social media channels.

For discussion and agreement at today's Brexit Panel is the attached mini-campaign proposal to increase proactive Brexit comms over the coming weeks. Please note that the proposals for the revamped webpage have already been actioned.

- **Update on enquiries to business on preparedness – response from the North London Chamber of Commerce (22/03/19)**

Shaun Rogan held a telecon with Bradley Rood from the North London Chamber of Commerce on Friday 22 March 2019 to discuss preparedness for a 'No Deal' Brexit and Brexit in general.

Bradley reported that he had received no contact at all from any local businesses seeking advice/reassurance around the potential impacts of Brexit so far. He explained that he thought that as 85% of Enfield businesses are "SME that don't tend to trade internationally" he wasn't surprised at this as for most it will be business as usual.

He said he thought the larger companies will be making their plans as international players and that this would largely be done without recourse to others (except possibly central Government).

He further added that he thought the main issue at the moment was uncertainty and that this would subside once a decision was made and we 'got on with it'. He further offered that it would be irresponsible to try and give advice when there was no script to draw from.

As far the NLCCE were concerned they have got a couple of events planned for local businesses for when decisions were final (including one with Nat West and one to discuss international trading strategy) but at present they were concerned with trying to maintain business as usual and building on their work supporting North London businesses.

It was agreed that we would stay in touch for further updates that would be fed into the Brexit Panel.

In addition, Despina Johnson from Enterprise Enfield was invited to join the Enfield Panel and has accepted due to attend on 26 March 2019. At present, similar to NLCCE, initial feedback from Enterprise Enfield appears to be relatively calm on the issues at hand.

Warburtons, who have a plant in Enfield, were contacted last week (15 March 2019) for an indication of how they were preparing but at present no response has been received. A reminder email was sent on Friday 22 March 2019.

- **Update on meeting between LBE and CAB: Community Offer/Joint working) (Item 1a)**

To follow

Settled Status

What is Settled Status?

Settled Status is the application process by which EU Citizens will need to apply to live and work in the UK following Brexit. It is the largest immigration documentation exercise the UK has ever undertaken.

Key Facts

Estimated number of EU Citizens in Enfield who will need to apply for Settled Status	35,000
Estimated number of these people who have never used the internet	2,940
Number of people who may need to provide additional evidence to support their Settled Status claim	1,050
Percentage of people in the second pilot stage who did not find the application 'very or fairly easy'	23%
This suggests that this many people could need some form of support	4,025

What are the potential issues?



Awareness

This is the biggest immigration documentation exercise the UK has ever undertaken. Other similar exercises have rarely succeeded in reaching everyone required.



Pre-settled status

Those unable to demonstrate that they have been resident for 5 years will be given Pre-settled status, and will need to apply again for Settled Status later.



Vulnerable applicants

Vulnerable applicants may need additional assistance to apply, gather evidence, or to avoid becoming a victim of unscrupulous or scam advisors.



Criminality

An applicant will need to pass a criminality check – those with a 'serious criminal offence' may be refused on these grounds.



ID verification

The chip-checker verification app only works on Android devices, meaning those with only access to non-Android products will need additional support in some way.

One-to-one support

We will provide one-to-one, tailored support to assist people apply for Settled Status

Why Citizens Advice?

Specialist Support

Our trained advisors have access to national support for specialist immigration queries at OISC level 3

Research & Campaigns

We are continuing to gather evidence about the Settled Status scheme and feed this back to central government, pushing for change where the evidence shows this is needed

Immigration advice

We're regulated by the OISC and more than 800,000 people come to our service either in person or online for help with immigration advice each year

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How can we alleviate these problems?

Raise Awareness

We will raise awareness through our advice service and through our network of local partners, minimising the risk of people falling through the gaps