

From: Foi Enquiries
Sent: 11 September 2019 12:32
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: FOI-19-1068 - Brexit Planning
Attachments: V3 - Further Information - Right to Review & Appeal.pdf; Brexit Risk Assessment.csv; Brexit Risk Score.csv

Dear [REDACTED],

Thank you for your clarified information request of 15 August 2019. Aberdeen City Council (ACC) has completed the necessary search for the information requested. Our response is now detailed below.

1. Please send me any risk assessments you have done for a no-deal Brexit.

Please see attached [Brexit Risk Assessment](#) and [Brexit Risk Score](#).

2. (If not already answered in question 1) What are the risks you have identified in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

Please see the response to question 1 above.

3. (if not already answered in Qs 1 or 2) What are the risks you have identified for rural communities in the event of a no-deal Brexit?

The risk register for Aberdeen City does not cover rural communities.

4. How many training exercises have been carried out so far by organisations involved in your Local Resilience Forum, from 1st April 2017, to help prepare for a no-deal Brexit? What was the purpose of each exercise?

Please note that you would need to direct this to each Partner with a request for information. ACC is one such partner and as such cannot answer on behalf of the others.

The answer for ACC is nil.

5. How many no-deal training exercises are planned between now and October 31st and what is the purpose of each?

None.

6. How much extra funding have you received to deal with and prepare for a no-deal Brexit?

The Scottish Government has agreed to allocate £50,000 to each local authority to prepare for EU Exit. It is expected that this funding will be paid to Aberdeen City Council as a redetermination of the general revenue grant in March 2020.

7. How many staff do you have working full time on preparing for a no-deal Brexit?

None full time – this is work allocated as part of normal duties.

8. How much has no deal Brexit planning cost you to date? For example in terms of salaries, training, equipment, building, contracts etc

The costs of preparations for Brexit planning have been met within existing resources from across the Council.

9. Has any council funding been diverted from other areas to spend on preparing for, or dealing with, a no deal Brexit? If so, where did that funding come from?

No

INFORMATION ABOUT THE HANDLING OF YOUR REQUEST

ACC handled your request for information in accordance with the provisions of the Freedom of Information (Scotland) Act 2002. Please refer to the attached PDF for more information about your rights under FOISA.

We hope this helps with your request.

Yours sincerely,



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CATEGORY	ACC CATEGORY	RISK/ISSUE	IMPACT SCORE - SCOTTISH RESILIENCE PARTNERSHIP				ACC SCORE (CURRENT)
			VERY HIGH	HIGH	MODERATE	LOW	
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Retention of employees from EU				x	12
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Access to EU workforce - recruitment to hard to fill areas				x	12
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Increased living costs				x	15
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Short term impacts of a no-deal brexit		x			12
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Increased administrative burden				x	8
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Increased demand on services following economic downturn				x	8
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	EU funded posts may be at risk				x	8
Scottish Workforce	Workforce	Increased strain on defined benefit pension schemes				x	12
Travel, Freight & Borders	Workforce	Increased pressure on services due to returning Expats to Aberdeen				x	
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Capital Projects - Higher construction costs	x				18
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Capital Projects - Loss of skilled labour		x			15
Scottish Workforce	Procurement	Agency workers could have a high % of non uk EU nationals		x			15
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Capital Projects - Completion delays		x			15
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Higher costs of materials		x			15
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Reduced availability on goods/lead times		x			15
Travel, Freight & Borders	Procurement	Effects on key suppliers/supplier relationships		x			
Demonstrations & Disorder	Governance	Demonstrations and Civil disobedience	x				16
Disruption of Services	Procurement	Failure of ALEO's to deliver service / obligations	x				
Disruption of Services	Operations	Fuel Distribution/Fuel shortages		x			
Disruption of Services	Customer	Increased customer contact		x			10
Disruption of Services	Operations	Food shortages - affecting school meals				x	
Disruption of Services	AHSCP	Medical Supplies and Equipment (lack of)		x			10
Disruption of Services	AHSCP	Fuel shortages				x	8
Travel, Freight & Borders	AHSCP	Supply chain problems				x	10
Disruption of Services	Financial	Interest rate fluctuations		x			12
Disruption of Services	Financial	RPI fluctuations	x				20
Disruption of Services	Financial	Exchange rate fluctuations	x				15
Disruption of Services	Financial	Increased cost of borrowing	x				16
Disruption of Services	Financial	Insufficient budgets - budget planning		x			9
Disruption of Services	Financial	Reduced project funding and other EU funding streams		x			12
Disruption of Services	Financial	Annual Asset Valuations				x	8
Disruption of Services	Financial	Pension Fund Valuations				x	12
Disruption of Services	Financial	Insurance issues				x	6
Travel, Freight & Borders	Governance	Potential General Election		x			8
Travel, Freight & Borders	Governance	European Election and associated costs		x			8
Travel, Freight & Borders	Governance	Potential Referendum				x	6
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	Adequacy decision is not made by EU on UK Data Protection arrangements	x				15
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	UK government does not make reciprocal adequacy decisions on other countries		x			6
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	Large number of legal changes in short space of time		x			12
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	Potential delay to legislative reforms				x	6
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	Uncertainty over areas of law which have been heavily shaped or influenced by EU Law				x	6
Information & Data Sharing	Governance	Potential difficulty in enforcing judgements in the EU				x	8
Disruption of Services	Governance	Pensions fund governance risk		x			8
Information & Data Sharing	Digital & Technology	IT supply chain - data hosting	X				15
Disruption of Services	Operations	School nutrition					
Disruption of Services	Corporate Landlord	Energy Demand/Electricity supply				x	8
Information & Data Sharing	Digital & Technology	Cyber attacks increased				X	9
Information & Data Sharing	Digital & Technology	Cost of Microsoft Agreement in event of currency fluctuations		X			4
Disruption of Services	Corporate Landlord	Public Water Services - treatment chemicals affecting supply				x	4
Travel, Freight & Borders	Community	Increased demand for housing		X			12
Scottish Workforce	workforce	Increase in benefit claims - due to returning UK nationals or increase in eligibility as a result of other economic impacts		X			12
Disruption of Services	Community	Impact on vulnerable communities		X			12
Disruption of Services	Community	Inability of residents to pay council tax		X			12
Travel, Freight & Borders	Operations	Export Health Certification would be required for all exports of Products of Animal Origin in a No Deal Brexit Scenario.	X				15
Information & Data Sharing	Operations	Completion of Applications for Settlement Scheme for Looked After Children				x	9

Scottish Resilience Partnership Scoring

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