



Subject:	Brexit Committee – Proposed Visit to Brussels
Date:	19th October, 2018
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After Committee Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
After Council Decision	<input type="checkbox"/>
Some time in the future	<input type="checkbox"/>
Never	<input type="checkbox"/>

Call-in	
Is the decision eligible for Call-in?	Yes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No <input type="checkbox"/>

1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
1.0	To approve the expenditure associated with all-Party delegation from the Council undertaking a visit to Brussels.
2.0	Recommendations
2.1	The Committee is asked to <ul style="list-style-type: none">Consider the request from the Brexit Committee to approve expenditure of up to £9,000 to undertake the visit, this will be covered from existing Place & Economy departmental budget.
3.0	Main report
	<u>Key Issues</u>
3.1	The Brexit Committee, at its meeting on 20th September, agreed “ <i>That an all-Party delegation from the Council undertake a visit to Brussels to engage with EU officials to</i> ”

	<i>represent the views of the council in relation to Special Designated Status, remaining in the single market and the Council's position on the Backstop; and to engage with EU Funding Bodies about our future participation in EU Funding Programmes."</i>
3.2	At that meeting the Committee noted that it did not have a budget and any expenditure agreed by that Committee would have to be approved by the Strategic Policy and Resources Committee.
3.3	This decision was ratified by the Council at its meeting on 1st October.
3.4	Subsequently, at its meeting on 11th October, the Brexit Committee considered a report on the proposed visit and approved the proposed objectives and logistics for the all-Party delegation visit to Brussels, subject to point six being amended to include Irish cities as well as UK cities and to the Lord Mayor or Deputy Lord Mayor accompanying the delegation.
3.5	An extract from the minutes of the Brexit Committee is appended to the report.
	<u>Financial & Resource Implications</u>
3.6	A budget of up to £9,000 is required to be approved by the Committee to enable the visit to take place, which will be covered from existing Place & Economy departmental budget.
	<u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u>
3.7	None associated with this report.
4.0	Appendices – Documents Attached
	Appendix 1 - Extract from the minutes of the meeting of the Brexit Committee of 10th October.