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Democratic Services Section



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Dear Mr Sterling

Re: Brexit – EU Settlement Scheme

The Brexit Committee of Belfast City Council, at its meeting of 6th December 2018, received a report to update Members on the EU Settlement Scheme to allow EU citizens and their families to continue to live and work in the UK after 31st December 2020.

This includes all EU citizens who arrive in the UK before 31st December 2020. EU citizens will need to get 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status to continue to live and work in the UK after December 2020.

People with a 'settled' or 'pre-settled' status can live in the UK and:

- work in the UK
- use the NHS
- enrol in education or continue studying
- access public funds such as benefits and pensions, if eligible for them
- bring family members to the UK after 31st December 2020
- travel in and out of the UK

At a meeting of Belfast City Council Brexit Committee held on 6th December 2018, it was agreed that the Committee would write to you to consider the provision of an advice service to support EU citizens and their families who are resident in Northern Ireland with making EU Settlement Scheme applications.

Members would therefore request that clarification on the provision and funding position for an advice service with regard to the EU Settlement Scheme be provided as soon as possible to ensure that the Council can impart details to its concerned citizens.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'CD', written over a faint circular stamp.

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