



Subject:	Update on the EU Settlement Scheme
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<b>1.0</b>	<b>Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues</b>
	The purpose of this report is to update Members on the latest statistics from the Home Office in relation to the EU Settlement Scheme.
<b>2.0</b>	<b>Recommendations</b>
	Members are asked to note this report.
<b>3.0</b>	<b>Main report</b>
	<u>Key Issues</u>

The EU Settlement Scheme (EUSS) enables EEA and Swiss citizens living in the UK, and their family members, to obtain the UK immigration status they will require to live, work and study in the UK after 30 June 2021. Irish Citizens are not required to apply to the EUSS but may choose to do so.

Members are reminded that regular updates on the EUSS are brought to this Committee and that a paper was brought to the February meeting that included information on the number of applications that had been received up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2019.

#### Number of applications

The statistics covering the period up to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2020 were released in mid May and a breakdown of the applications for Northern Ireland by local council area are included as appendix 1. Some key facts are:

- As of 31 March 2020, over 2.7 million (2,756,130) applications had been received, with 92% received in England, 5% in Scotland, 2% in Northern Ireland and 2% in Wales.
- 57,640 applications have been made in Northern Ireland and 10,920 of these have been made in Belfast.
- Northern Ireland had a noticeably higher proportion (17%) of applications from applicants under 18 compared to the rest of the UK.
- In Belfast, the highest number of applications were from Polish (3,240) and Romanian (1,950) nationals.
- Of the applications submitted in Belfast, 88% have been concluded and of these 60% were awarded settled status and 39% pre settled status<sup>1</sup>.

#### Financial & Resource Implications

There are no financial or resource implications relating to this report.

#### Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment

There are no implications relating to this report.

#### **Appendices**

Appendix 1: Statistics relating to EU Settlement Scheme by local council area

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<sup>1</sup> Pre-settled status entitles the person to apply for settled status after they have 5 years' continuous residence in the UK. <https://www.gov.uk/settled-status-eu-citizens-families/what-settled-and-presettled-status-means>