



Subject:	Response from The European Commission
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1.0	Purpose of Report or Summary of main Issues
	Correspondence has been received on behalf of the President of the European Commission, Ms. Ursula von der Leyen, in response to the Council's letter in relation to the Brexit transition period.
2.0	Recommendations
	The Committee is asked to note the response received from the Cabinet Office.
3.0	Main report
3.1	The Committee is reminded that, at the meeting of Council of 1st July, 2020, Members agreed that the decision of the Brexit Committee, of 11th June, be amended to the following:

	<p>“The Council notes with dismay the failure of the UK Government to request for an extension to the Brexit transition period before the end of June deadline and agrees to write to the Prime Minister, Taoiseach, President of the European Commission and the EU Commission’s Chief Negotiator outlining our concerns; noting the ongoing COVID-19 crisis and the extreme challenges facing businesses and workers in the city; and requesting that the UK Government and the European Union work together to enable the extension of the Brexit transition period.”</p> <p>3.2 Democratic Services wrote to the aforementioned persons on 28th July, 2020 to respond with any comments which they might wish to make in relation to the Council’s position.</p> <p>3.3 A response from the European Commission is attached at Appendix 1.</p> <p><u>Financial & Resource Implications</u> None</p> <p><u>Equality or Good Relations Implications/Rural Needs Assessment</u> None</p>
	<p>Appendices</p>
	<p>Appendix 1 – Response received on behalf of the European Commission</p>