

Preparing councils for Brexit

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Agenda

- Context
 - 5 Brexit work streams for local gov
 - 10 priority areas (legal)
 - Consulting & communicating
 - Next steps
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Context

LGA neutral & pragmatic, pre & post referendum

- focus on 'real' impacts on local government

Strong engagement with HMG

- formal: seats on HMG's Brexit Programme Boards
 - informal: constant political & officer level meetings
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5 Brexit work streams for local gov:

1. **EU funding** - locally driven national policy post 2020
 2. **EU laws** - what to keep? 10 priority legal areas
 3. **Constitutional question** - who represents England?
 4. **Place-based impacts** - Brexit on the ground
 5. **Community cohesion** - residency, skills, hate crimes
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10 priority areas (EU legal)

1. Public procurement & state aid

2. **Regulatory services:** consumer protection, trading standards: product safety, food safety, licensing, fair trading, weights and measures

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3. **Environment:** air quality, environmental assessments, municipal buildings energy standards

4. **Waste:** landfill, recycling, waste electronic equipment

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5. **Transport:**

commissioning/franchising/concessions, state aid, electric charging points, HGV road tolls, road safety, vehicle standards, aviation subsidies, passenger rights, disabled access

6. **Employment/workforce:** parental leave, working time, TUPE, holiday entitlement, equal pay, smoke-free workplaces

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10 priority areas (EU legal)

7. Planning: environmental impact assessments, protection of bio-diversity, local authority charges for information

8. Economic development: regional state aid

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9. Local government finance: VAT, rules on investments, rules on accounting

10. Data and public information: data protection, publishing of public sector information

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Consulting councils



- Rolling open consultation – www.local.gov.uk/brexit
 - Specific consultation on place-based impacts – 50 detailed responses from councils
 - Nationwide consultation events
 - Local authority Chief Executive Sounding Board
 - LGA political leadership, boards, Brexit group
 - Analysis of EFTA, EEA, and bespoke models
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Communicating



- to HMG: ministerial & civil servant meetings
 - to councils: LGA Brexit bulletin, Brexit briefings, webpages, media work
 - *focus on real examples*
 - to European allies: CoR, CoE, EP, CEMR, EFTA
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Next steps

- Coordinating approaches with local gov. in Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland – a common narrative for local gov.
 - Queen's speech 2017 – Great Repeal Bill
 - UK Parliament to vote final UK-EU deal in Spring 2019
 - ECJ referral? Can Art.50 notification be withdrawn?
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LGA find out more

LGA web pages & bulletin sign-up

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