

Report on	Border Corridor Local Authorities Report on Brexit
Reporting Officer	Chief Executive
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1.0	Purpose of Report
1.1	The purpose of this report is to seek Members approval for Councillor and Officer representation at the launch of the Border Corridor Local Authorities report on Brexit in Brussels on 11 October 2017.
2.0	Background
2.1	Members will recall that the Local Authorities along the border corridor commissioned a report on the risks, opportunities and issues to consider for the area as a result of the UK decision to withdraw from the EU.
2.2	The initial findings of the study were presented at an event in May 2017 in Lough Erne and a delegation from the border corridor Local Authorities presented the findings to a Seanad Special Select Committee on 7 June 2017.
3.0	Main Report
3.1	The initial, summary report has now been augmented with the details provided in presentations given at Lough Erne and is ready for publication. The consensus view across the border corridor Local Authorities is that that report should be launched in Brussels during EU Open Days week. This would gain publicity for the work undertaken and help ensure that due consideration is given to the border area during negotiations on Brexit. The intention is to present the key findings to a range of stakeholders including EU Officials, MEP's and members of Michel Barnier's negotiating team.
3.2	The report is included at Appendix A for Members consideration and it is recommended that one or two councillors attend the launch event on 11 October 2017 along with the Chief Executive or Director.
4.0	Other Considerations
4.1	<u>Financial & Human Resources Implications</u> Financial: £300 per person for an overnight stay, £100 for a same day return. Human:

4.3	<p><u>Risk Management Implications</u></p> <p>Brexit is listed as a risk on Council's Corporate Risk Register (ref MUDC22) with the control measure being the participation of Council in the border corridor working group. Attendance at this event in Brussels will assist in mitigating the risk.</p>
5.0	Recommendation(s)
5.1	Members approval is sought for one or two Councillors and the Chief Executive or Director to attend the launch event in Brussels as outlined above.
6.0	Documents Attached & References
6.1	Appendix 1 – Brexit and the Border Corridor