

**NOTICE OF MOTION****GREEN GROUP****ECONOMIC IMPACT OF BREXIT AND SETTLED STATUS FOR EU CITIZENS**

This Council notes:

- the continuing evidence of damage, that any form of Brexit – but particularly a “no deal” Brexit – will cause the economy, the employment status of its residents and the likelihood of EU nationals achieving Settled Status here;
- the loss of European Regional Development Fund funding if the UK leaves the EU;
- the funding of £210,000 per unitary authority secured by MHCLG to be spread over two years to help such authorities prepare for the UK’s departure from the EU;
- the continuing issues around the EU Settlement Scheme which many EU nationals remain unaware of.

This Council requests that the Chief Executive:

- write to James Brokenshire (MHCLG) asking how the government proposes to cover the loss of ERDF funding and requesting a freeze on small business rates following the UK’s departure from the EU;
- report to the Policy, Resources & Growth Committee on the council’s own contingency planning while noting best practice from other councils;
- promote partnerships to co-ordinate the immigration advice available to EU nationals in the city (personal support for EU citizens resident in Brighton & Hove who require assistance during the application process and access to scanners for their Settled Status documentation) and
- apply for the limited central government funding that has been announced to build capacity within the Community & Voluntary Sector to provide such advice.

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