

BREXIT TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Context

BREXIT is a key development that has the potential to have far reaching changes to a wide range of issues including the economy which in turn could ripple across social, environmental and health factors in Shropshire. The government is expected to come forwards with its proposals to replace European funding initiatives with a UK approach. It will be of value to the Council, Shropshire businesses and communities to have a clearer understanding locally of what would be required from Government to enable Shropshire to achieve the Economic Growth Strategy and its ambitions.

This Task and Finish Group would work with the relevant officers to help bring together the key messages and requirements which would be recommended to Cabinet, and would formulate the basis to any response to Government on a UK funding approach.

Objectives

- To consider the information brought together to develop a view for Shropshire of the possible implications of BREXIT for the Shropshire economy and the achievement of the Economic Growth Strategy.
- To identify, with the relevant officers, the key evidence and related requirements of what Shropshire would require from a future UK funding approach.
- To understand what input European funding has on the overall economy of Shropshire prior to Brexit.
- To make evidence based recommendations to Cabinet.

Sources of information

- Types of EU funding currently accessed and used in Shropshire
- Emerging national information
- Information from different national and regional organisations
- Feedback from Businesses at September and October events
- Evidence from witnesses invited to present to the Task and Finish Group – e.g. Portfolio Holder, Senior Officers, Businesses, CLA and NFU

Methods to be used

- Desk based research of written documents and information

- Consideration of feedback from local businesses from across different sectors
- Evidence collection from invited witnesses

Timescales

- 3 meetings of the Task and Finish Group.
 - i. Findings from evidence sift and research, and confirmation of TOR,
 - ii. Hear from witnesses and identify key observations,
 - iii. Consider draft report and confirm conclusions and recommendations
- Report back to the Overview Committee meeting (Early/mid November 2017)
- Cabinet (Late November/early December)