

GREATER LONDON AUTHORITY

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(By email)

Our Ref: MGLA041019-3975

12 March 2020

Dear ██████████

Thank you for your request for information which the Greater London Authority (GLA) received on 4 October 2019. Your request has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Please accept my apologies for our delay in providing our response.

You requested:

1. *Please provide me with a copy of the minutes from the LRF's latest meeting.*
2. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government since the 24th of July 2019.*
3. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Department of Transport since the 24th of July 2019.*
4. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Department of Health and Social Care since the 24th of July 2019.*
5. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Department for Exiting the European Union since the 24th of July 2019.*
6. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Ministry of Defence since the 24th of July 2019.*
7. *A copy of all communications between the LRF's Chairperson and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs since the 24th of July 2019.*

Please find attached the information we hold within the scope of your request.

Please note that some names of members of staff are exempt from disclosure under s.40 (Personal information) of the Freedom of Information Act. This information could potentially identify specific employees and as such constitutes as personal data which is defined by Article 4(1) of the General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) to mean any information relating to an identified or identifiable living individual. It is considered that disclosure of this information would contravene the first data protection principle under Article 5(1) of GDPR which states that Personal data must be processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to the data subject.

Once again, please accept my apologies for our delay in responding; I hope this has not inconvenienced you unduly. If you have any further questions relating to this matter in the meantime please contact me, quoting the reference MGLA041019-3975.

Yours sincerely

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Information Governance Officer

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Good Afternoon,

Please see attached the formal invitation for the next Local Resilience Forum Chairs Conference, taking place on **Friday 6 September 2019** at the **BEIS Conference centre, 1 Victoria Street, London, SW1E 5ND**. This invitation extends to the LRF Chair or a strategic representative as well as another individual from within your LRF.

Please can you send the response with the nominated individuals to [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk by Wednesday 7th August.

This event will provide a great opportunity to discuss key priorities within the resilience landscape over the coming months.

Yours sincerely,

Jillian Kay, Director Resilience and Grenfell Recovery, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
Katharine Hammond, Director, Civil Contingencies Secretariat



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INVITATION: LOCAL RESILIENCE FORUM CHAIRS' CONFERENCE

Friday 6th September 2019

09:00 Refreshments and registration for conference (for 10:00 start) to 15.40 (close & depart)

BEIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, SW1E 5ND

Dear Colleague,


We are pleased to invite you to the next Local Resilience Forum (LRF) Chairs' Conference which will be held on **Friday 6th September 2019**.

This conference will reflect on recent activities and lessons identified, consider emerging Ministerial priorities and discuss how these will be reflected in the contingency planning work in the coming months.

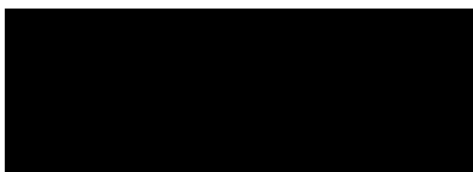
We are planning a thought-provoking event that will provide you with an opportunity to discuss some key resilience issues and to feed back directly to representatives from both government and others in the resilience world. The programme will also be designed to provide space for you to network with members from a range of organisations.

We will announce the final agenda prior to the Conference. If you have suggestions for topics you would like to see discussed at this or a future event, please continue to feed in your views via your Resilience Advisor.

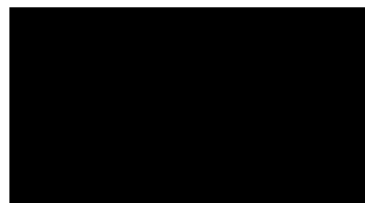
This invitation is for LRF Chairs or leading strategic partners across the broad resilience sector. There is also capacity for a member of your LRF Secretariat to attend.

Please confirm your attendance by completing the attached form and returning it to @communities.gov.uk no later than **Wednesday 7th August 2019**.

We look forward to welcoming you to the conference.



Katharine Hammond
Director, Civil Contingencies Secretariat
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LRF Chairs Conference: Friday 6th September, BEIS Conference Centre, 1 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, SW1E 5ND

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Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP

Secretary of State
Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government
4th Floor, Fry Building
2 Marsham Street
London SW1P 4DF

Date: 31 July 2019

Dear Robert,

We welcome the opportunity to respond to the consultation about a new building safety regulatory regime following on from the recommendations in Dame Judith Hackitt's Independent Review of Building Regulations and Fire Safety. The Mayor's detailed comments are enclosed with this letter.

It is clear that fundamental changes to the building safety system are needed to protect residents living in buildings of all kinds and to ensure that a disaster such as the Grenfell Tower fire never happens again. Two years since the Grenfell tragedy, we have not seen enough tangible change.

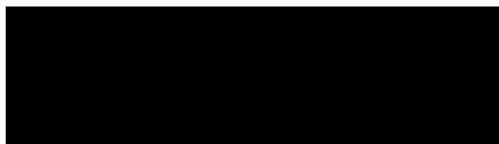
In May, the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience organised a London Fire Safety Summit at City Hall to bring together local government and the housing sector in an effort to improve fire safety in London. It was evident during that event that many of the issues we face reflect decades of failure to put fire safety, and in particular the safety of residents, at the heart of how all buildings are designed, constructed and refurbished. It is vital that we get these reforms right as a matter of urgency to achieve the highest standards of building safety.

The Mayor's response highlights a number of areas where we believe the Government's proposals need to go further. It also highlights the need for more concerted action to deal with safety issues in the existing housing stock.

This submission should be read in conjunction with the London Fire Brigade's response and we ask you to consider their submission carefully.

We are sure you will agree on the importance of, and urgency for, this reform. This is the only way to restore public confidence in the building safety system and our national building regulations.

Yours sincerely,



Fiona Twycross

Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience



James Murray

Deputy Mayor for Housing and Residential Development



Jules Pipe

Deputy Mayor for Planning, Regeneration and Skills.

Mayor of London comments on the Government's consultation 'Building a Safer Future: Proposals for reform of the building safety regulatory system'.

Scope of buildings to which new requirements apply

The Mayor welcomes – as a step in the right direction – the proposal to go beyond Dame Judith's recommendations and apply reforms to all multi-occupied residential buildings of 18 metres or more. However, this does not go far enough. All residents should have confidence in the safety of the building they live in, regardless of the building's height. The Mayor believes that we need to move away from a single measure based on a rather arbitrary trigger height and consider the inherent risk to users of any particular building.

Clearly, taller buildings present specific risks for residents, not least for the evacuation of residents or for the access of fire and rescue services to flats. However, London Plan requirements for accessible housing have been in place since 2004 and mean that disabled and older residents, or those who would benefit from accessible housing, are likely to find the homes in any post-2004 residential development suitable for them. This supports the case for a more comprehensive approach that takes into account the diversity of the population.

The Mayor would also strongly support including in the new regulatory arrangements from the outset any residential or non-residential buildings where vulnerable people sleep, such as specialised housing, care homes, supported living or sheltered/supported housing and hospitals. Data on fire incidents shows that many of those who are most risk of being injured or dying in a fire live in homes of these types.

Government reforms should ensure that all building users can feel safe and have confidence in all types of buildings.

A new dutyholder regime for residential buildings of 18 metres or more

The Mayor is generally supportive of your proposals for system reform with new, responsible dutyholders who have robust duties across the whole life cycle of a building, and the three gateway points.

As you are aware, the draft London Plan requires all development proposals to achieve the highest standards of fire safety to ensure the safety of all building residents and users. This approach elevates the importance of fire safety and ensures it is given sufficient consideration and evaluation at a stage in the development process when many development parameters have not yet been 'set'. The draft London Plan also introduces policy requirements for developments to be designed to incorporate fire evacuation lifts suitable for people who require level access, including many disabled people and older people.

The proposals for gateway one to apply to residential buildings of 30 metres or more in height is inconsistent with other proposed thresholds and will not serve its purpose. The consultation document explains that this will apply to 84 buildings a year over a ten-year period. This does not go far enough and will not apply to enough buildings to result in the change which is needed. Fire safety is an essential factor around which development should be designed, as opposed to one that is only considered later in the development process once fundamental decisions have been made. If the matter of fire safety is left to be considered for the first time at Building Control stage, it may be too late to incorporate the necessary features or requirements into the site and/or building layouts. Some examples of areas that need to be considered in relation to fire safety at planning stage include:

- site layout, amenity space and vehicle access, and the impact these could have on fire appliance arrangements/ access, evacuation assembly points, and evacuation routes;
- existing or consented nearby buildings and the impact they could have on external fire safety arrangements; and
- the fire strategy and evacuation approach adopted, which have implications for:
 - the number, location and design of vertical circulation cores,
 - the configuration of buildings within a development, and

- spaces in between these buildings and their use both initially and in the future.

Also, the planning system provides the opportunity and tools to protect and maintain clear areas (if, for example, they are identified as being required for fire safety purposes), therefore preventing them having other uses placed on them that could adversely affect the fire safety or usability of a development in an emergency situation.

For the reasons outlined above the draft London Plan policy requires all major development proposals to be submitted with a 'Fire Statement', which is defined as an independent fire strategy, produced by a third party suitably qualified assessor and including details of:

- the building's construction;
- means of escape;
- features which reduce the risk to life, such as fire alarm systems, passive and active fire safety measures and associated management and maintenance plans;
- access for fire service personnel and equipment, and provision for fire appliances to gain access to the building; and
- measures to ensure that any potential future modifications take into account and do not compromise the base build fire safety/ protection measures.

This information should be provided in all fire statements to form the start of the golden thread of fire safety information as proposed by Dame Judith's review. The current proposal in your consultation for the content of Fire Statements to only cover the subjects of fire service vehicle access and access to water supplies clearly does not go far enough and a more comprehensive approach is required.

The Mayor therefore urges you to reconsider the applicability of gateway one. The requirement for, and content of, fire statements in planning applications should be extended as the proposed approach is far too limited to achieve the cultural and industry wide shift which is required to create developments that are safe and in which people can have confidence living.

Residents' voice

The tragic fire at Grenfell Tower raised questions as to whether residents are adequately heard and involved in the decisions that affect their homes. The Mayor broadly agrees with the proposed approach to empower residents, including with the proposals to require the accountable person to proactively inform residents about fire safety measures and develop a clear strategy to engage with them. The building safety manager will be instrumental to implementing these changes. However, this is a role that currently does not exist, and the sector has raised concerns over the qualifications and experience required to fulfil it and how recruitment will be possible in practice.

When things do go wrong, it is key for residents to have a clear and simple escalation route for fire and structural safety concerns that haven't been dealt with via internal processes. The Mayor has, in the past, strongly supported a single point of access to redress for residents in the shape of the Government's proposal for a new Housing Complaints Resolution Service. Clarity is required over how the different redress routes will work together and complement each other.

However, the challenge facing us is about much more than providing residents with information or a clear escalation route. It is about changing the culture of engagement with residents. The London Fire Brigade (LFB) has made it clear that residents are an excellent source of information on how buildings work. Engaging and consulting with residents proactively and openly ought to be at the heart of the new regime. This should be the case for all residents, irrespective of the height of their building.

A new building safety regulator

In his response to Dame Judith Hackitt's final report, the Mayor raised concerns over how the new regulator will work in practice and whether it, or the entities comprising it, will be appropriately

resourced. These concerns remain as no further details have been provided in the consultation document. In particular, it is still unclear whether the new regulator will exist as a separate entity and how disagreements between regulators will be dealt with.

It is also disappointing to see that Approved Inspectors will continue to play a role under the new regime. The Mayor believes that there are inherent risks with a market-based approach to building control and he has called for Approved Inspectors to be phased out from providing building control services for all buildings. The Mayor urges you to reconsider this given the inherent conflict of interest that the Government has itself identified.

Competence

It is clear that there is a shortage of skills and competency across the fire safety sector, and the construction industry in general, in key roles including Fire Risk Assessors, Fire Engineers and Building Control. Without actions across the board to address this shortage and develop capacity, the expertise required to ensure buildings are safe from fire will simply not exist.

In her review, Dame Judith spoke about the construction industry's race-to-the-bottom culture. Expectations that the industry will solve the issues set out by the Hackitt review, including on competence, are clearly not realistic. The industry cannot be relied upon to address the current issues alone and most importantly won't instigate the urgent culture change required to make people safe. This view was shared with you last month in a letter from the Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, the LFB and Cllr Darren Rodwell (on behalf of London Councils). The Mayor therefore disagrees with the proposal for an industry-led committee to drive competence. While the industry needs to be part of the conversation, the role of leading competence in the sector should be accountable to the public; as the industry has clearly failed to drive expertise so far.

Construction products

The Mayor welcomes the new measures introduced to increase the oversight of construction products, including clear labelling and traceability of construction products and a declaration of performance of products. This is something he has called for in his response to the recommendations within Dame Judith's report. An 'inventory list' is also a positive first step to increase clarity over which products comply with legislation. However, this needs to be underpinned by robust product testing and full transparency over test results of products on the market. The Mayor's preference is for this information to be made publicly available.

In the last year the Mayor, and many others, have questioned the Government's decision for the combustible material ban to only apply to buildings over 18 metres. This call was repeated last month after the shocking fire at Samuel Garside House, a mid-rise building with combustible cladding.

Finally, the Mayor wishes to raise the ongoing fire safety issues facing the existing housing stock. Two years on from the fire at Grenfell Tower, Londoners and people across the country, are entitled to expect the Government to have made sure their homes, and any new homes being built, are safe in the case of fire. The Mayor believes that a review of the Decent Homes Standard, as proposed in the social housing green paper, would present an opportunity to bring the existing housing stock up to the new standard and improve the fire safety measures in individual homes. The Government should fund the retrofitting of sprinklers or other suitable fire suppression systems as part of a risk-based approach, and to respond to the LFB's call for sprinklers to be made mandatory in all new residential tower blocks.

In addition, this reform will be meaningless for most Londoners unless bolder steps are taken to deal with the systemic fire safety issues identified by the Government, building owners or residents, including the presence of combustible external wall systems, in many residential tower blocks since Grenfell. The scope of the funding made available from the Government to remediate unsafe ACM cladding in the private and public sectors should also be widened to include remediation of other unsafe external wall systems.

Brexit planning for:

London

(select LRF name)

MHCLG are asking LRFs to work through the questions here to standardise the presentation of LRF planning outputs for a no deal Brexit (NDB). RED will not assure LRF plans but is seeking to allow Ministers and others to easily see and compare preparations in differing locations to identify gaps and highlight where additional support may be required.

In line with the first round of YH planning, we want to build a picture of what planning is being undertaken in each LRF area and to identify any gaps or key issues of concern.

The expectation is that this document will be agreed by the LRF Chair - it must reflect the agreed position of the LRF Executive.

Note - pink boxes indicate a drop-down selection menu. Please select one option from the list available in each.

1. Brexit Planning map

Please attach a map of the LRF and indicate on the map:

- a) Local Authority boundaries within the LRF
- b) Airports/border entry points (freight and/or passengers)
- c) Major road networks/priority routes
- d) Major infrastructure (hospitals, utilities, major rail terminals etc)
- e) Other key local infrastructure points
- f) Neighbouring LRFs in outline with any major ports/airports and road networks (i.e interdependencies)

Please provide details of why infrastructure etc has been highlighted.

Please indicate whether a map has been submitted with this form:

Yes

Please indicate whether the LRF agrees to share the information in this form with other LRFs and other government departments:

Yes

2. LRF Governance and Assurance

No.	Outputs	Select:	Response
Brexit risk assessment			
2.1	Have you developed a local No Deal Brexit risk assessment? Please attach if so.	No	We have asked for a formal Government Risk Assessment for Brexit which has

2.2	If no local risk assessment was prepared, how have you considered the risk for your LRF?		In the absence of a formal risk assesment from government we have developed the attached scenario document. It is based on information from a range of sources available to agencies in the London Resilience Partnership.
2.3	Have you considered the risks from your neighbouring LRFs - e.g. transport interdependencies? Please provide details.	Yes	London is aware of the interdependencies with neighbouring LRFs particularly through its road and rail network. London continues to discuss impacts with neighbouring LRFs through the regular Greater South East meetings as well as separately discussing individual risks around ports (Dover, Heathrow, St Pancras and the Essex coast in relation to fuel).
2.4	What are your top anticipated No Deal Brexit risks?		<p>The partnership assesses the most significant short term risks are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - disruption to services including food, fuel, adult social care arising from traffic disruption, panic buying and workforce issues - public disorder arising from above, current political process and continuing climate change protest coinciding with Brexit - although the likelihood of water disruption is low, any disruption to chemical supplies to the industry could affect millions of customers <p>In the longer term the Social Care and Construction Sector have been identified as a reas of risk because of staffing issues.</p>
2.5	Please outline any concurrent or seasonal risks that you have considered in your localised planning assumptions.		<p>Seasonal risks include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -severe weather. Note that London has activated Level One of its drought plan. Although water companies report that they do not anticipate restriction in the next weeks, restrictions will be imposed early in 2020 if there is a further dry winter.
<p>Please list the details fo any major events taking place between October 2019 and January 2020 on the 'Events form' worksheet (see tabs at the bottom of this worksheet).</p>			
<p>Local planning assumptions</p>			

2.6	Have you developed your local planning assumptions specific to a No Deal Brexit based on the national No Deal Planning Assumptions? Please provide a copy of your local planning assumptions	Yes	The scenario document outlines risks and assumptions. It is based on documents including the national No Deal planning assumptions - within the strict limitations set by Government on how these can be shared.
Brexit plans			
2.7	Does your LRF have an overarching No Deal Brexit plan? If so please attach it.	No	The LRF will use existing plans to inform its response, especially the Strategic Coordination Protocol. "Playbooks" outlining issues and possible remedial action (but often limited) have been developed for disruption to food and fuel supplies. Work is being developed on a disruption to social care scenario.
2.8	If the LRF has not produced a local No Deal Brexit plan, please explain how the LRF has planned for the consequences of a No Deal Brexit in your area?		The LRF has a Brexit Contingency Planning group which has been meeting regularly since Autumn 2018 to identify and plan for issues. Latest thinking is set out in the London scenarios paper. The LRF also put together detailed Brexit SCG plans for March/April and are currently reviewing these for a 31 October Exit. It should be noted and recognised that a number of the consequences of a no-deal Brexit are outwith the control or span of influence of an LRF and will require national policy decisions to deal with the consequences.
2.9	If you are using your existing LRF plans to manage the consequences of No Deal Brexit, how have you assessed the suitability of these plans against the Brexit planning assumptions?		The principal document supporting the Brexit response are the coordination arrangements outlined in the strategic coordination protocol. A special terms of reference for SCGs were developed for use in March 2019 to adapt the structure for Brexit.
2.10	Have you developed Brexit-specific plans? If so, for what (e.g. traffic management plans)? Please list all.	Yes	We have developed specific playbooks for food and fuel and are planning to develop a similar document for adult social care. Special SCG arrangements were developed for March 19 and we expect to do the same for Oct 19.
2.11	Do your Brexit plans involve engagement with the voluntary and community sector? If so provide details.	Yes	The partnership's voluntary sector panel is represented on the LRF and the Brexit Contingency Planning group. In addition the LRF has been working with the London Food Board as a sub-group to consider the impact of food disruption on vulnerable groups. NHS and DASS have long standing arrangements for work with the voluntary sector.
Communication			

2.12	Do you have plans for engaging stakeholders (e.g. communities, businesses, elected officials - MPs, metro mayors, local councillors, police and crime commissioners)? Please provide details.	Yes	The partnership has regularly submitted reports to the Mayor of London and given evidence to London Assembly Committee meetings. The LRF includes representation from the business sector and has been working with the GLA Economic unit on business issues. All local authorities have
2.13	Are the local authorities fully engaged and are 'borough/district' level plans joined up with LRF plans?	Yes	Local authorities are represented on the LRF by the Chair of the London Local Authority panel and the Chief Executive of London Councils. LAs are also represented on the Brexit Contingency Planning Group to ensure alignment of planning. A collective and coordinated approach to resilience
Command and control and escalation arrangements			
2.14	What are your command and control arrangements for No Deal Brexit?		A separate Brexit SCG will be established to deal with any impacts of No Deal. Details will be confirmed shortly but will be informed by learning from March/April arrangements.
2.15	Do you have clear criteria for escalation of response structures?	Yes	This was set out in the Terms of Reference for the March/April Brexit SCGs which we are currently reviewing. Individual agencies have their own challenges in maintaining a sustained response. The London Resilience Group has made tentative plans for increasing staffing during the EU Exit period to manage demand of reporting and sustained coordination. Further information on the expectation from Central Government is required to finalise these staffing plans to make sure that an appropriate staffing model is put in place. Whilst the centralised resource can be slightly increased to cope with a demand in reporting and information sharing, each agency will have limitations on its ability to supply and respond to the increase in demands whilst maintaining their business-as-usual operations.

2.16	Have you made plans for sustaining a response over a prolonged period? Please provide details	No	Any response will be constrained by the need to maintain business as usual response arrangements without additional resources/funding. The London Resilience Group has made tentative plans for increasing its staffing to provide an SCG secretariat function during the EU Exit period to manage demand of reporting and sustained coordination. Further information on the expectations from Central Government is required to finalise these plans and make sure that an appropriate staffing model is put in place. Whilst the centralised SCG support resource can be slightly increased to cope with a demand in reporting and information sharing, each agency will have limitations on its ability to supply and respond to the increase in demands whilst maintaining their business as usual operations.
2.17	What plans are in place for mutual aid support in the LRF?		London Local Authorities have well established mutual aid arrangements across the 32 boroughs and City of London. Other agencies have their own national arrangements. Experience shows that in many cases agencies do not have a surplus capacity to deploy as mutual aid. Furthermore if all LRFs, agencies and boroughs are responding to the same issue they cannot depend on mutual aid between areas.
LRF governance			

2.18	Please provide named contacts for the key agencies - and in particular an explanation of how the LRF works with local government, and the nominated Brexit Lead Officer.		See attached LRF contacts directory for routine planning, a specific SCG contacts directory for Brexit contacts has been developed and will be maintained live in the lead up to and during the EU Exit SCGs. As detailed in the response to 2.13, London local authorities maintain a network of senior officers (mainly, Chief Exec, Strategic Director or Director levels) who have been nominated as Brexit Lead Officers and dedicated Single Points of Contact. Some officers cover both functions. Regular communications, which will be supplemented by weekly conference calls from 10th September - hosted by [REDACTED], Chair of Local Authorities' Panel (LAP) and John O'Brien, Chief Executive of London Councils, provide a sound basis for the exchange of information and good practice. This is underpinned by regular written updates provided by local authorities, which inform reports to both the LRF and MHCLG (via the Regional Hubs channel). An example of the most recent request of SPOCs is the identification of seasonal pressures. The secretariat, which oversees the administration of the calls and data collation on behalf of LAP and London Councils includes officers who are standing members of the LRF Brexit Contingency Planning Group, which helps ensure a direct connection between all local authorities and the LRF.
2.19	Is there a dedicated Brexit planning group within the LRF? Please give details.	Yes	The Brexit Contingency Planning group has met regularly since September 2018 to consider No deal Brexit planning. It includes senior representatives of the partnership - including transport, utility sector, voluntary sector, faith and Heathrow. It has been supported by sub-groups, including a Food sub-group with members drawn from the London Food Board as well as the LRF. The Group will act as a Tactical coordination group for the SCG in the event of no-deal Brexit.
2.20	Who leads that group (name and organisation) and how does it report to the LRF Chair?		The LRF Chair, Dr Fiona Twycross, AM, GLA, (Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience) chairs the Contingency Planning group and is supported by the London Resilience Group. The Brexit Group reports to the LRF and its members are (mostly) on the partnership's programme board.
LRF assurance			

2.21	Have you assured your plan (e.g. internally / externally / peer review / exercise / use of Resilience Standard)? Please provide details.	Yes	The LRF has included Brexit in its meeting agenda as a standing item since October 2018. London has maintained contact with the Greater South East LRFs to share information. These forums have been used to ensure consistency and oversight. However, many of the RWCS the impacts of No-Deal Brexit are outside the usual remit of the LRF. It is not possible to assure against a risk when there is no agency with the capability to respond in an emergency, and where many of the solutions are a matter of Governmental and national policy rather than emergency responses.
2.22	Have you exercised your plan? Please provide details.	No	There is no specific Brexit plan to exercise. It is not possible to exercise a plan where many of the solutions are a matter of Governmental and national policy rather than local emergency responses. LRF risk-specific plans and generic plans are exercised as part of a routine. Playbooks have been developed through a series of workshops involving responders.

3. Brexit Planning gap analysis - Select preparedness rating from drop-down list

We would like to identify any gaps in capabilities based on the plans and procedures that may put in place to mitigate and manage the consequences that may arise as a result of impacts from one of the key work streams.

Please populate the table below indicating any concerns/omissions of plans for any of the measures and sectors highlighted. A table of confidence ratings is provided at the end of this document to assist in populating the table.

Local Planning Assumption (e.g. Traffic Management, Food, Borders, C3 Preparations) - Please select or type	Plans and procedures	People and resources	Legislation and doctrine	Infrastructure and facilities	Equipment and supplies	Information (including national planning from LGDs)	Training and exercises
Food	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low	Low
Social Care	Medium-High	Medium-low	Not applicable	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High	Medium-High

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For each assessment made in Table 3 above that is or falls below 'Medium - Low' please provide details of your plans to address these gaps (including any plans to request national or regional support i.e mutual aid, MACA etc)? Please categorise your required support as: National Support, Regional Support, Mutual Aid or MACA.

No.	Local Planning Assumption	Gap	Support category (please select)	Details
		Plans and procedures	National Support	The LRF has hosted workshops to identify risks and potential solutions to the absence of fresh food or increases in price. Although many risks were identified across different sectors (see attached Anytown diagram), no agency has the means to effect a wide-area response.
		People and resources	National Support	Authorities may ask for increases to benefit payments in light of food price increases. This is based on an assumption that the market can fulfill demand at an increased price. The voluntary sector (fareshare and Food Banks) are concerned that a no-deal Brexit will lead to a reduction in donations during a period of rising demand)
		Legislation and doctrine	National Support	With the exception of duties in schools, prisons and some health settings there is no legislation around ensuring food supply at the local level, whilst this has been raised repeatedly there is no clarity on what role the LRF should be playing in relation to food disruption. Most local authority duties relate to food safety and health rather than providing food.

Assessment 1	Food	Infrastructure and facilities	National Support	Responders do not have facilities or resource to store emergency supplies of food. Given the short notice, and the use of warehousing space for Christmas, this may be impossible to achieve.
		Equipment and supplies	National Support	Responders do not have access to food supplies except in some special cases (for example hospitals) where they may have a small stock to support business continuity arrangements.
		Information (including national planning from LGDs)	National Support	The information provided to date - "sufficient food but reduced choice" does not help with planning or response.
		Training and exercises	National Support	There have been no food exercises. The LRF has hosted a workshops to assess risks and try to identify solutions.

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Assessment 3	Fuel, including petrol and diesel	Plans and procedures	National Support	Should there be disruption to fuel supply some agencies will be looking for early activation of NEP-F or other actions by Central Government. We have been advised by BEIS that this is not possible (see comments below) thus making our extant plans for fuel redundant.
		People and resources	MACA	Should there be a national fuel supply issue mutual aid between responders would not be possible. Demands on agencies may include traffic management, security and staffing of DFS and piloting (escort) to fuel tankers - if agencies are not able to meet this demand there could be an expectation of MACA support.
		Legislation and doctrine	National Support	Doctrine depends on responders having 10 days self-reliance on fuel. Discussion with responders show that with the exception of the emergency services (except Coastguard), few responders have this capacity.
		Infrastructure and facilities	National Support	See above. Most responders do not have facilities (bunkers etc) to have 10 days self-reliance for fuel. Most local authorities do not have bunkered fuel and many depend on contracted services from a range of providers, the smallest of whom do not have stocks of fuel. Coastguard report that their aircraft have limited bunkered fuel. It is dependent on commercial forecourt supplies for refuelling of vehicles.
		Equipment and supplies	National Support	Note that few agencies except for the emergency services (except Coastguard) have ten days self reliance in fuel stocks. Although most transport providers have stocks of fuel , without use of the Bulk or Commercial Delivery scheme transport providers would not be able to provide transport system in the long term. A number of organisations are also dependent on their contractors' fuel supplies which could be hindered on a wide area shortage of fuel.
		Training and exercises	National Support	More information needed on national comms planning to inform an exercise. The Fuel Disruption Plan was considered as an exercise by the partnership in Feb 18.
Assessment 4	Borders			

Assessment 5	Water	Plans and procedures	Regional Support	Thames Water are working with WaterUK to identify and mitigate Brexit related strategic risks across the industry as per the WaterUK briefing Note 2. Any such emerging risks will be reported through WaterUK to Defra and to those LRFs potentially affected , in line with procedures. Thames Water have also completed an assessment to identify , but have not found, any Thames Water specific risks which fall outside of this procedure. If any such risks are identified they will be reported directly to the LRF concerned.
		People and resources	MACA	Assistance could be needed to help distribute water in event of a water outage.
		Legislation and doctrine	National Support	Current doctrine is limited by the SEMD direction to water companies on the number of people to whom the industry should be able to supply water in an emergency. Experience in London shows that this figure is not high enough. Disruption to water supply incidents in London have affected some 250,000 (June 2019) and heightened risk at one water processing site raised the possibility that up to 3 million would be affected (July 2018).

Assessment 6	Transport			
Assessment 7	Health	People and resources	National Support	The NHS has considered the impact of Brexit on staffing levels. It is not an impact that is expected to become apparent in the short term, but could present more medium to long term recruitment and retention challenges. This challenge must be accommodated within the overall planning for all other NHS staffing issues and developments that are not Brexit-related. This is an ongoing piece of work that extends well beyond Brexit planning timeframes, both in terms of the plan itself, and the ongoing delivery of the workforce it is designed to provide. The rating therefore reflects that while staffing impacts related to Brexit have been considered, and plans are in place, they sit within a much broader context with longer delivery timescales.
Assessment 8	Energy	People and resources	National Support	No immediate risk identified but the outcome of any Exit could affect non-UK EU nationals in the sector which is a longer term concern

Assessment 8	Energy			
Assessment 9	Law & Order			
Assessment 10	Community tensions / cohesion			

Assessment 11	Environmental, including industrial waste			
Assessment 12	Business	Plans and procedures	National Support	Businesses do not have enough information about how trade and regulation will work in a no deal Brexit to plan effectively.
		People and resources	National Support	London employers are highly reliant on continued international migration from EU. The Government's current immigration plans are likely to create shortages in key sectors.
		Legislation and doctrine	National Support	There remains a large body of legislation, regulation and continuity trade agreements that have not been transferred to the UK and may not be ready by end of October.
		Infrastructure and facilities	National Support	Warehouses will be fuller than in March as they are stocked for Christmas and for pre-Christmas shopping events such as Black Friday.
		Equipment and supplies	National Support	There are a large number of businesses that are yet to register for export paperwork. Businesses may experience disruption moving goods between UK and Europe.
		Information (including national planning from LGDs)	National Support	The information provided by Government has been inadequate for planning purposes, particularly in the area of services. There is low awareness of Government resources.
		Training and exercises	National Support	Small businesses have less resources (time and money) and specialised staff in their organisation to develop contingency plans.
Assessment 13	Financial Services			

Assessment 14	SCG Staffing	People and resources	National Support	Sustaining a response in the long-term whilst maintaining the capacity to respond to normal incidents will be a challenge. Brexit (and the continued response to Grenfell) has already diverted resource from normal work, potentially reducing the readiness or at least familiarity with plans in the partnership.
		Infrastructure and facilities	Mutual Aid	Action is being taken to identify a longer term facility for an SCG that is available for a 3-6 month period.
		Information (including national planning from LGDs)	National Support	Limitations placed by Central Government on sharing information have affected the ability for all organisations to engage constructively and from an informed position on much of the work around Brexit. This, amongst other issues, has led to Brexit fatigue. The LRF plans a "re-launch Brexit event" on 16 Sep to help resolve the fatigue issue.
Assessment 15	Risk and planning Assumptions	Information (including national planning from LGDs)	National Support	The lack of clear risk assessment, the limitations placed on sharing of information from Government and the fact that many Brexit issues fall outside the remit of the LRF has hindered the development of plans. In many cases (eg food or fuel) there are no local capabilities or powers to resolve the situation. This means that planning merely highlights concerns rather than provide a means to resolution.

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4. Overall confidence in preparedness

What is the LRF confidence level in residual risk after implementation of all available mitigations? Please use confidence ratings provided below and give a justification for your answer.

As agreed by LRF Chair and Executive:

Medium-low

Justification:

The London Resilience Partnership has been developing its approach to Brexit No Deal planning since September 2018 and likewise responders have been

Guide to preparedness ratings

High	We are confident our planning will be able to mitigate/manage disruption (e.g developed local risk assessment; reviewed plans and capabilities; undertaken training and exercising), we are very confident in our level of preparedness, and we are nearing completion of preparedness activity
Medium-High	We have made good progress with our planning to mitigate/manage disruption, we are fairly confident in our level of preparedness – there may still be a limited amount of preparedness activity to complete
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Not applicable	We do not believe there will be disruption to mitigate/manage

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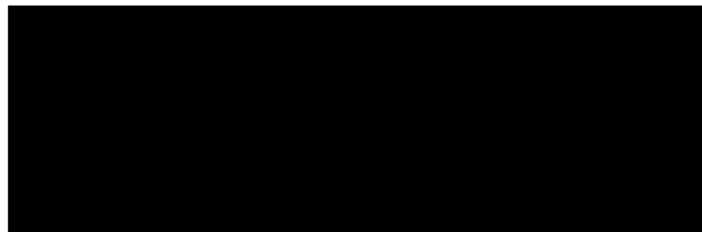
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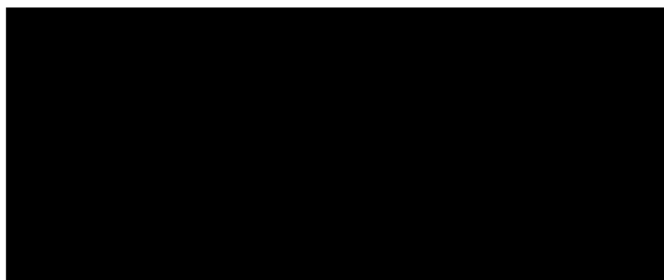
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I understand that you are out this morning on an important visit but if you have five minutes prior to the 14.00 call then I can move things to accommodate your diary.

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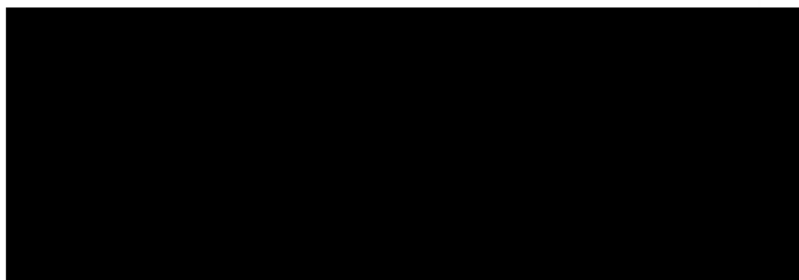
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LRF Chair Teleconference Note

25.07.2019 – 15:00 to 16:00

Teleconference Speakers:

- [REDACTED] (MHCLG – DG Local Government and Public Services)
- [REDACTED] (DExEU)
- [REDACTED] (CCS)
- [REDACTED] (MHCLG – RED)

Teleconference Note:

Cross – Whitehall Updates:

- The direction of travel remains the same. A no deal scenario remains the default position in law on 31 October unless something else can be agreed.
- A new UK Prime Minister (PM) the Rt Honourable Boris Johnson MP is in place.
- The Government focus is on leaving the EU on 31 October – preferably with a deal but have been clear that they are prepared to leave with no deal.
- Government is looking to ‘turbo charge’ its Brexit preparations.
- Business and trader readiness for a *no deal* scenario remains a key risk.
- CCS continue to update plans and building on lessons.
- CCS is looking at the daily reporting rhythm to see if reporting deadlines can be brought forward. Working with MHCLG to ensure that LRF views are reflected before a final decision.

LRF Strategic Concerns:

- [REDACTED] as the *National Lead for Contingency Planning and Resilience* (Devon and Cornwall LRF) gave an overview of the planning that has happened across LRFs since September 2018 . He referred to:
 - The publication of the original planning assumptions in September 2018 which led to table top and local exercising.
 - LRF planning is in a strong position.

- Strategic LRF challenges remain at high priority port areas i.e. Humberside and short straits. The vital importance of Government continuing to have an open channel of communication with LRFs.
- LRFs looking to run refreshed table top and local exercises in September.

Summary of key points raised in discussion:

- **Resourcing:** Local LRF partner agency mutual aid requests to support Kent response, concerns about resourcing elsewhere. DfT to follow up with Highways England in particular.
- **Funding:** Request for further Government funding for no deal planning.
- **Scenario Based Workshops:** A call for RED support in running refreshed scenario workshops.
- **Devolved Administrations (DA):**
 - The Northern Ireland Executive Office is coordinating preparations for the UK's exit from the European Union. Northern Ireland priorities are goods and people.
 - Scottish Resilience Partnerships (SRP) meet at a national level via Brexit sub – groups. All 12 SRPs are represented. A key learning point from YH1 has been around recovery, issues affecting remote and rural communities. Challenges remain around the ports of Cairnryan and Galloway due to traffic management.
- **Seasonal concurrent pressures:** LRFs identified the October half term period as a resourcing risk.
- **Non-disclosure agreements (NDA):** LRFs asked if there were any other NDAs in place they did not know about. Participants confirmed that the BDG has lifted the NDAs, except where commercial sensitivities remain. Greater openness of information if encouraged where possible.
- **LRF Debrief:** RED is drafting a report that will set out the actions being taken in response to the feedback LRFs have provided. RAs will be contacting LRFs individually to arrange a bespoke conversation to go through the feedback during individual debrief discussions.
- A shared **common operating picture** with departments to understand potential impacts and resourcing challenges at both at the national and local level.
- **Concurrent events** - the risk from a concurrent emergency e.g. widespread flooding.

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Hi Katherine

Good to catch up last week.

Could you make sure that [REDACTED] is sent the call information as Deputy Chair of the LRF/Chair of our EU Exit SCG and included in future call and meeting circulation?

Best wishes

Fiona

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Subject: LRF Chairs Call with Secretary of State - Thursday 15th August

Dear LRF Chairs,

Following the Secretary of State's letter on 6 August about no deal Brexit Plans, he would like to speak to all LRF Chairs to discuss the development of these plans. We would be grateful therefore if you could dial in to a call this Thursday (15 August) at 09:30. The call is scheduled to last an hour.

The call represents a good opportunity for you, as LRF Chairs, to flag any emerging issues you have in drawing up your plans and to highlight where further support would be useful.

Please do share any questions you would like to put to the Secretary of State in advance so that the issues you would like to be discussed are covered on the call. Please could you do so through the RED EU mailbox:

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Please note this time slot replaces the call scheduled at 13:00 the same day.

Regards,

Katherine



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Subject: Commission: LRF No Deal Brexit Planning – Sharing Completed Returns

Dear Chairs and Secretariats,

As mentioned on the LRF Chairs call on 8 August, we were asked whether we could share the LRF returns across the LRF community to provide wider situational awareness of LRF planning activity and progress.

Many of you have already expressed permission to share the completed report after its final submission. If you are NOT happy to share your completed return please inform the RED EU Team as soon as possible using the email address

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Kind regards,

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Dear colleagues,

Please see the note from the LRF Chair teleconference on 15 August 2019.

The conference was attended by the MHCLG Secretary of State, The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP.

Kind regards,

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LRF Chair Teleconference Note

15.08.2019 – 09:30 to 10:30

Teleconference Speakers:

- The Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP (MHCLG Secretary of State)
- Jillian Kay (MHCLG – Director of Grenfell, Recovery and Resilience)
- Katherine Richardson (MHCLG – RED – Deputy Director)
- [REDACTED] (Civil Contingencies secretariat)

Teleconference Note:

Key Points:

- The SoS thanked Local Resilience Forums (LRFs) for the work they had undertaken so far.
- The UK is due to leave the EU on the 31 October. Government's priority is to make all the necessary preparations to do so.
- Government would prefer to leave with a deal but is prepared to leave with no deal.
- The Cabinet has stepped up preparations for a no deal scenario.
- The SoS reflected that the country was better prepared than many thought, but there was still a need to do more. It remained important for LRFs to continue with their preparations for the specific challenges their local communities and businesses could face in a no deal Brexit scenario.
- The SOS would update Cabinet on the state of LRF and local government preparations towards the end of August.
- MHCLG should be in a position to release £4m in additional funding for LRFs on 16.08.2019 to help with extra staffing and the extra work that will undoubtedly flow in the run up to 31 October.
- Funding had also been allocated to local authorities (LA) to appoint a Brexit Lead Officer (BLO) to work with local partners and central Government to help local communities and businesses prepare for Brexit.

- Other Government departments are also stepping up their no deal preparations. There is an agreement across Government that LRFs are on the frontline of this effort.
- The SoS wanted LRFs to know that he was the voice of local government and the local resilience community in Cabinet and will be speaking up for both sectors.

Points Raised in Discussion:

- **Trade and hauler readiness:**
 - UK trader and hauler readiness remained a major risk.
 - HMRC were proactively engaging with businesses and traders who export. Pre – March 2019 they wrote to 140,000 business but were now planning further intensive communications including calling businesses directly to encourage greater readiness.
 - GOV.UK would soon have a much more comprehensive Q + A and landing page to make business information more accessible and identifiable.
 - A public information campaign aimed at citizens and businesses was due to go live in the coming weeks.
- **Planning Assumptions:**
 - The latest version of the planning assumptions had been released via Resilience Direct on 14 August. These covered updates to Borders, Medical Supplies and a new Adult Social Care assumption.
 - Due to the sensitive nature of this information, the Assumptions had been shared in the usual controlled manner and it is imperative that the handling instructions accompanying were adhered to.
 - It remained the Chair's responsibility to ensure LRF members were briefed on latest planning assumptions as required on a 'need to know' basis and were encouraged to ensure relevant key partners were aware of the relevant assumptions for the LRF area.

- **Communications:**

- MHCLG represented the local tier at XO Cabinet meetings.
- The Cabinet recognised the need to continue to improve information flows to the local tier.
- The revised National CONOPS was due to be shared across central Government in the coming days. CCS would work with MHCLG to share relevant elements such as reporting structures and the national daily rhythm to ensure best possible fit with local C3 arrangements.

- **Funding:**

- Chairs welcomed the release of additional Government funding.

- **Resourcing:**

- Resourcing for the full length of a no deal Brexit scenario had been identified as a concern.
- Mutual aid requests from high impact areas could draw away resource from other LRF areas leaving them vulnerable in the event of a concurrent incident.
- The provision of MOD assets to support LRFs would be helpful.
- The proximity of Halloween and Guy Fawkes night would place additional pressure on blue light services.
- The LRF Chair conference on 6 September could be used to discuss concurrency and mutual aid.

- **Traffic / Road Management:**

- Chairs pressed for there to be a strategic risk assessment for congestion on the road network. SoS to take this up with the Transport Secretary.
- The SoS identified that Brexit would generate unusual challenges. Disruption for example in rural areas required significant thought. No LRF can assume they would not feel Brexit impacts.

- **Social Care and Health:**

- There was uncertainty about the level of focus DHSC had offered in relation to social care in their Brexit preparations. The SoS agreed to raise LRF concerns with the Health and Social Care Secretary.
- The SoS affirmed that EU citizens in the care system had nothing to worry about. Their rights would be protected even after October 31. The settlement scheme has been very successful with 1 of the 3 million EU nationals applying for settlement status.

- **Local Economy:**

- The Cabinet continued with work to look at geographies and sectors that would be challenged by a no deal Brexit.
- Work was in hand to consider steps to mitigate any immediate economic disruption including working directly with at risk businesses' to give them the support they need.
- The Chancellor of the Exchequer has stated that he would use all the levers available to him to provide economic stimulus to support the UK economy.

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Subject: RE: Access to PA's

Fiona,

Thanks for sight of this. I do hear your frustration and we are discussing information management with both CCS and ministers. In the next few days we will need to stick with the system agreed by ministers – that we can have a max of three people with access – but will change the access between those that have access as needed. I know this is not an elegant solution and that you are urgently working to deliver the work requested by our Secretary of State. I am out of the office for some of next week but [REDACTED] is back and will keep you updated.

KR



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Hi

I understand that this issue has yet to be satisfactorily resolved and do not agree that the solution you suggest is acceptable – there is no operational or confidentiality issue that would mean [REDACTED] and [REDACTED] can't both have this information direct as well as myself and [REDACTED].

The London Resilience Group is working incredibly hard to ensure that all the information required of the London Resilience Forum by government is submitted by the deadline. Both [REDACTED] and myself are on leave this week [REDACTED] is cutting short his leave by a day to ensure the submission is as complete as possible and I will also be signing off the information while on leave – we are taking the request extremely seriously.

[REDACTED] and I have also both logged on to look at the revised planning assumptions. In the circumstances, it seems remarkably short sighted for no flexibility to be applied to allow [REDACTED] of the London Resilience Group, and a longstanding and trusted member of the UK resilience community to also have access to this information direct and for [REDACTED] to also be able to view the documents remotely.

Please can you revise this advice as a matter of urgency – this is a complex enough task without the department that has requested this information putting barriers in the way.

Fiona

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Could you please add me as a fourth representative. Fiona Twycross and [REDACTED] are on leave, returning next week and [REDACTED] of the Corporation of London, working some distance from the LRF Secretariat. We cannot complete your return until we have access to these assumptions.

With best regards

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Cc: [REDACTED]

Subject: Access to PA's

Good morning [REDACTED],

I have put in a request for you to be added as one of the three named contacts in your LRF that has access to the Planning Assumptions.

Please note that you will replace [REDACTED].

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From: RED EU Team [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk>
Sent: 16 August 2019 14:32
Subject: LRF Brexit Funding
Attachments: 190816 LRF Funding letter FINAL.pdf

Dear Local Resilience Forum Chairs/Secretariats,
Please see the attached letter from Jillian Kay with details of additional Brexit funding to support Local Resilience Forums.

Many thanks

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Date: 16 August 2019

Dear LRF Chairs,

Firstly, thank you all for your ongoing work to develop Brexit plans and engagement in the renewed preparation of a no-deal Brexit.

Recognising the unique challenges associated with this planning the Secretary of State wrote to you on 6 August announcing the release of £4 million new funding for LRFs. This is in addition to the £1.79m funding provided in January 2019.

Rather than administering this as a fund, which would add to your existing work and potentially delay the allocation of funding we will instead provide £79,100 of funding to 27 LRFs. Ten LRFs (Essex, Greater London, Greater Manchester, Hampshire and IoW, Humberside, Lancashire, Leicestershire, Merseyside, Suffolk and Sussex) will receive £158,200, and Kent LRF will receive £217,300.

The funding should be used to directly support the development of your Brexit plan and continued preparedness activities, our expectation is that most LRFs will use this funding to support additional staffing costs. Our aim is to pay this funding in the week commencing 2 September via a Section 31 grant to a nominated LRF partner who will be the accountable body for the expenditure and will be responsible for ensuring the funding is provided to the LRF. To facilitate this, we ask that you nominate the accountable body by the end of 21 August and email this to [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully,

Jillian Kay
Director
Grenfell Recovery and Resilience
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From: RED EU Team [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk>
Sent: 09 August 2019 11:28
Subject: LRF Chair Teleconference Note (08.08.2019)
Attachments: LRF Chair Teleconference Note (08.08.2019).docx

Dear colleagues,
Please see the note from the LRF Chair teleconference on 8 August 2019.
Kind regards,
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LRF Chair Teleconference Note

08.08.2019 – 14:00 to 15:00

Teleconference Speakers:

- Jillian Kay (MHCLG – Director of Grenfell, Recovery and Resilience)
- [REDACTED] (MHCLG – RED – Head of Resilience North)
- Katherine Richardson (MHCLG – RED – Deputy Director)
- [REDACTED] Local Government EU Exit Communications and Engagement)

Teleconference Note – key points:

LRF No Deal Brexit Planning:

- Thanks went out to Derbyshire and Greater Manchester LRF for their response over the Whaley Bridge dam incident.
- It was recognised that LRFs have carried out a great deal of preparatory work for Brexit already. However, it is the Government's priority to ensure that we are prepared for a *no deal* Brexit scenario on 31st October 2019.
- A letter from the Secretary of State, the Rt Hon Robert Jenrick, on 6 August 2019 requested that each of the 38 LRFs identify specific *no deal* Brexit plans outlining mitigation and response in a *no deal* scenario.
- The letter identified that Government will be releasing £4m of additional funding to support LRF planning. The breakdown of this funding is currently going through our internal clearance process and should be identified to LRFs over next week.
- Government reiterated its position that it would not be assuring LRF plans and the request is for LRFs to submit their plans via a structured format.

LRF Support and Engagement:

- RED have provided a set of structured discussion questions which can be utilised to facilitate the creation of plans. These have been shared with LRFs and have been uploaded to Resilience Direct. LRFs are asked to complete the spreadsheet.
- RED resilience advisers will be on hand to support each of the 38 LRFs and will make contact to discuss the commission.
- An additional teleconference will be arranged w/c 12 August 2019 to provide another opportunity for the LRF community to raise questions around completion of the form.
- The scenario based workshops have been updated and are now available for LRFs to use. This provides further opportunity for LRFs to test and actualise their planning.

Communication Updates:

- There is a government communications centre up and running to coordinate Brexit communications. MHCLG has a full time representative within this group.
- MHCLG will endeavour to filter and coordinate information that is coming out of Whitehall.
- Communications will be reinstating inputs into the Secretariat calls moving forwards.
- LRF communication calls are looking to be reinstated in the near future.
 - **LRF Action:** If LRFs could inform MHCLG as to any changes to their communications contacts would be much appreciated.
- Communications are going to be circulating top Government Brexit lines to the LRF community as seen in Yellowhammer One (YH1).
- A Brexit Public Information Campaign will be launched at the end of August / beginning of September and there will be local supporting material made available.

Summary Of The Key Points Raised In Discussion:

- **Clarity around Secretary of State ask for *no deal* Brexit planning:** Clarification was given that LRFs were required to only complete the provided form and to upload any further supporting documentation.
- **Planning Assumptions:** The Cabinet Sub Committee agreed that no update to the current national Planning Assumptions were needed for LRFs to articulate their *no deal* Brexit plans. However, the wording around certain sectors within these Planning Assumptions i.e. Social Care was still going through a clearance process and would be published in due course.
 - LRFs highlighted that the new leave date meant increased winter pressures in the health and social care system.
- **Preparedness Reporting:** The ask from the Secretary of State on no deal Brexit plans is a singular occurrence. Government have no current plans to restart the reporting cycle we had in YH1.
- **Local Government Funding:** Negotiations between Government and local authorities (LA's) are still underway in regards to reimbursing costs LA's accrued preparing for March 2019.
 - **Action:** MHCLG RED will discuss with local government policy colleagues .
- **Submission Deadline: Given the 31 October deadline for Brexit,** there is unfortunately not flexibility in the submission deadline. The deadline is 15:00 on 20 August 2019. We ask LRFs to endeavour to complete this submission within the timeframe.
- **CNI:** We do not expect LRFs to map National CNI due to sensitivities. LRFs should however map key local sites, local infrastructure and known local vulnerabilities. Any specific questions around CNI should be sent into the RED EU inbox ([REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk).
- **LRF Debrief Process:** The debrief process was seen as exceptionally useful. The report will be shared with the LRF community once cleared but things have evolved since the debrief was completed. The majority of actions identified have already been dealt with and resilience advisers have details of the actions and will highlight with LRFs how these have been taken forward.

- **Roles of the LRF vs LA's vs LA Brexit lead:** LRFs brought up that there was some confusion around the relationship between LRFs and local authorities now that a new Brexit lead position had been created within local authorities.
 - **Action:** Government will provide a note which sets out the role of the LRFs, 9 Chief Executives and Brexit leads in local authorities.
- **Sharing information** – LRFs requested that they see a copy of the information submitted, in order to share experience and identify common issues, and this was agreed providing all LRFs agree. The Chairs conference on 5 September will also be an opportunity for sharing the results of this work.
 - **Action:** LRFs to confirm to the RED EU team that they are content for their returns to be shared with other LRFs.

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Subject: LRF No Deal Brexit Planning Update

Dear LRF Chairs and Secretariats,

Thank you for your response to the Secretary of State, Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP's request for information regarding your Brexit plans and your timely returns. Your continued support with this work is greatly appreciated.

We have read all of the information received and presented it to our Secretary of State, who updated Cabinet colleagues on Friday. Following the discussion by ministers, the Secretary of State has asked an independent external reviewer [REDACTED] to further review the plans, highlighting any gaps, good practice and priorities, with the aim to put this back before ministers in mid-September. We will provide an update on the LRF Secretariat Call today and at the LRF Chairs' Conference on Friday, 6th September.

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Subject: EU Exit communications
Attachments: EU exit funding form.docx

Dear colleagues,

We're contacting you regarding an opportunity to secure some additional funding from government to support communications activities to get your local areas ready for Brexit.

You may have seen that the government's public information campaign launched this week, and a local communications toolkit is due to be issued shortly. We are aware, though, that some areas may have specific communications needs, and so we are making available some additional funding from the central communications budget for local communications activity that aligns with the public information campaign.

As a representative of a Local Resilience Forum we believe would benefit from this opportunity, we would like to invite you to join a telekit this week to discuss this further. We plan to manage the process through bids, to be submitted by the attached form. We're keen to move forward quickly, so would appreciate you letting us know your availability for a call tomorrow (Thursday) afternoon at 2pm. Grateful if you can come back and let us know if that would be convenient for you, and we can circulate dial in details etc.

Many thanks and kind regards,



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These proposals should be for activity beyond your routine support and regular communication with stakeholders, and focus on how you can engage, advise and support residents and businesses to promote the actions required to be prepared for a potential no deal exit.

Proposals should set out:

- The issue being addressed, how this relates to your area, which stakeholders are being targeted, what the desired outcomes are and why this initiative will be an effective course of action
- Your delivery plan for implementing the proposal, focused on quality, credibility and certainty of delivery
- Your assessment of your ability to begin delivery of this proposal quickly and unlock action by your target audience(s) through September and October
- You will need to set out the broad value for money rationale for the funding, detail on key elements of costs, and assurances on controls and visibility of the spending.

Applications should be sent by email, on the form below, to

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Any questions or requests for further advice on this process can also be directed to the above addresses.

Name and address	
Name and contact details of lead council officer	
Title of communications activity	
Start and end date of proposed activity	
Total proposed expenditure (£)	
Funding required from HM Government (£)	

If non-HMG funding is to be committed, what is the source of this funding?	
Do you propose to use an agency/agencies to deliver any strands of this activity? If so, please provide further details.	
Context and background (including any specific local factors)	
Communications objectives (please focus on desired outcomes)	
Target audience(s)	
Communications strategy and implementation	
How would you evaluate the activity?	
Summary and breakdown of spend	
What steps have been taken to ensure this activity represents value for money?	

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Subject: RE: EU Exit communications

Many thanks for getting back to me, Fiona.

[REDACTED], you should have the invitation and dial in details – we look forward to speaking to you later.

Thanks and best wishes,

[REDACTED] - MHCLG
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[REDACTED]@london.gov.uk>
Subject: Re: EU Exit communications

Hi

Thank you for this - potentially very helpful and much appreciated, however, [REDACTED] and I are going to be in front of a Committee at the London Assembly tomorrow afternoon. [REDACTED] (copied in) can call in on my behalf so please forward him details direct.

Best wishes

Fiona

Fiona Twycross AM

From: [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk>
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Cc: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: thank you

Pleasure – sorry not to see you before you left. [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] we really do appreciate everything you have done in your current role for us here in London.

Fiona

Dr Fiona Twycross AM, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience
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Dear colleagues,
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Kind regards,

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23 September 2019

Dear Colleagues,

Information Security – Leaking of Brexit Material

Disappointingly, the Municipal Journal and Times recently obtained a copy of the Yellowhammer 1 feedback paper we shared with you on Brexit planning and preparedness. Information has also appeared in the press recently around a live exercise Government is planning to carry out to test national Yellowhammer processes.

Obviously, the anonymous disclosure of information damages trust and undermines our ability to share information with LRFs. I would therefore like to take this opportunity to remind you as trusted partners of the sensitivity of the information we are sharing with you and to ask you to reinforce this point with partners, while at the same time satisfying yourself that the procedures your LRF has in place for handling and sharing sensitive information are clear and robust.

RED will continue to work closely with yourselves in the development of plans for Brexit, but we will be reviewing the arrangements we have in place for sharing information. You and your team may notice some tightening of handling instructions.

Kind regards,

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Good morning everyone

I am sending this out just in case our previous email didn't get to you.

These pages contain guidance and notes to support daily reporting throughout the BREXIT period.

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Draft example of a daily COP to be shared with LRFs

Letter from [REDACTED] explaining the arrangements

Daily reporting guidance

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Regards

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Subject: Letter from Dr Fiona Twycross
Attachments: Louise Spencer 02.10.19.pdf

Dear Louise

Please find attached a letter from Dr Fiona Twycross, Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience.

Kind regards

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Louise Spencer

Deputy Director – Resilience and Emergencies
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Date: 02 October 2019

Dear Louise,

Congratulations on your new role at MHCLG, which you are taking up at a time of unprecedented pressure and change. As Chair of the London Resilience Forum and London's Deputy Mayor for Fire and Resilience, I look forward to working with you in the future and building on the positive relationship the people I work with have with your department and the regular dialogue I had with Katharine Richardson.

You will be only too aware of the challenges a potential no-deal EU Exit poses to the UK, and of the work LRFs have conducted so far to mitigate the impacts. Throughout the course of this planning we have continuously raised with MHCLG the additional challenges caused by the restrictions placed on the dissemination of information supplied by your team for planning purposes. Whilst I am pleased that I have now had sight of the proposed reporting arrangements, the fact that the document detailing these arrangements has been shared in a restricted format, and with only three members of the partnership, is simply unworkable.

A no-deal EU Exit would have wide-ranging impacts for many, if not all, of the around 200 members of the London Resilience Partnership, and it is vital that we are able to share information about how agencies can confidently raise issues that they see arising in their areas of work. Daily reporting is a big ask for these partners, and it is only fair that they should be allowed to know where the sensitive information they provide will go once it is submitted. The partnership is built on trust, and failing to communicate with members while asking them to share sensitive information threatens to undermine the work we have all put in to developing these networks.

We have repeatedly requested that a short precis of the overall Yellowhammer reporting arrangements be produced in a format that is shareable with partners. I would again like to request that this is produced as a matter of urgency, or that MHCLG officers clearly mark the current version with the areas of sensitivity that the Department does not wish to share more widely, so we can produce our own sharable version that we can use to finalise our local arrangements.

To pre-empt any further issues, I would also like to request now that once we enter the reporting phase, information we receive from MHCLG will be provided in a format we can share with our partners, so that they are able to spot trends and issues and interpret how these may affect their own organisations. This will be vital in making the continual reporting arrangements run as smoothly as possible.

I want to assure you that we are committed to providing useful information and intelligence from the full range of London sources. To do so we must be able to include a wide set of responders from the outset, but this is not possible under the current restrictions. Later this week, the Mayor of London and I are scheduled to meet the Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster, in his role as overall Government lead for no-deal preparations, and I intend to raise this issue in that meeting.

Thank you in advance for a swift response to the urgent matters raised above. I will look forward to meeting you as EU Exit plans continue to develop.

Yours sincerely,



Dr Fiona Twycross
Deputy Mayor, Fire and Resilience

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Fiona

Just to acknowledge that I have received this – I'm working with colleagues to look into the issues you have raised and will respond shortly.

In the meantime, I'm looking forward to meeting you and your team at the event next week and working together in the future.

Louise



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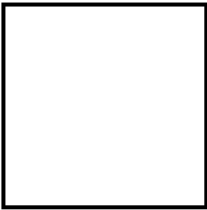
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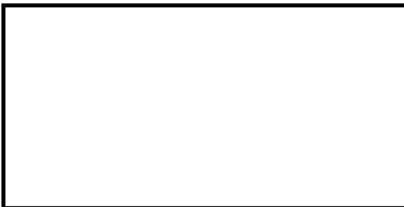
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 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Local Government Brexit Bulletin 8 August

Welcome to the Brexit Bulletin – providing an update on recent developments to councils.

Local Government Brexit Funding Announcement

On 3 August the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Robert Jenrick announced £20 million of funding for councils across England to help them prepare for delivering Brexit on 31 October. Confirmation of individual allocations to councils will follow shortly.

He has asked each council to designate a Brexit Lead Officer to work with central government and stakeholders in their area to plan intensively for Brexit.

The funding comes in recognition of the central role councils will play to make sure their local area is ready for Brexit, and will support a range of activity including communications, training and the recruitment of staff. It is in addition to the £40 million previously allocated to all local authorities.

The full announcement can be found here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-readies-whole-nation-for-brexit-with-every-council-to-have-a-designated-brexit-lead>

Brexit Delivery Board

The Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government, Robert Jenrick, chaired the 31 July Brexit Delivery Board where he signaled his intention to request additional funding for local councils to prepare for Brexit and introduced the Brexit Lead Officer role.

The Board had representation from the Local Government Association, County Councils Network, District Councils Network and London Councils. A senior official from DExEU with responsibility for local government and public services also provided an update on the Government's position and plan for exiting the EU

Events

The Home Office are running a series of teleconferences aimed at front line staff engaged in supporting Looked After Children and care leavers with the EU Settlement Scheme on the following dates:

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The Home Office are also keen to hear views of senior managers and communications professionals within Local Authorities about the EU Settlement Scheme via a short 10-minute survey:

<https://britainthinks.online-host.solutions/ASP/P014645/LandingPage.asp>


Publications

DfE have recently updated their Schools, Higher Education and Further Education sector notices:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-schools-in-england>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-higher-education-institutions/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-higher-education-institutions>
- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-exit-no-deal-preparations-for-further-education-and-apprenticeship-providers>

Defra have published the Draft Environment Bill, setting out how they will maintain environmental standards as we leave the EU:

- <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/draft-environment-principles-and-governance-bill-2018>

We welcome any feedback you may have on this bulletin. To get in touch with your comments or suggestions please contact @communities.gov.uk

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Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Local Government Brexit Bulletin 22 August

Local Government Brexit Funding Announcements

Yesterday, the Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government Rt Hon Robert Jenrick announced an extra £9 million will be made available to ensure local areas and major ports are ready for Brexit.

A total of £5 million will be given to local councils which either have or are near to a major air, land or sea port to ensure they will continue to operate efficiently when the UK leaves the EU on 31 October.

The remaining £4 million will be shared out to Local Resilience Forums across England to support them in their preparations.

The announcement, including information about which areas will receive this funding, is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/9-million-announced-to-get-ports-and-local-areas-ready-for-brexit>

Allocations of the £20 million funding, announced earlier this month for councils across England to prepare for delivering Brexit, have also been confirmed as:

- £17,484 for each District Council
- £87,500 for each County Council
- £90,909 for each Combined Authority
- £104, 984 for each Unitary Authority

Letters were sent to Chief Executives last Friday 16 August.

This funding announcement is available here:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-readies-whole-nation-for-brexit-with-every-council-to-have-a-designated-brexit-lead>

This brings the total funding allocated by the Government to help local areas prepare for Brexit to £77 million.

Brexit Lead Officers

Councils were asked to nominate a Brexit Lead Officer by Friday 16 August.

Thank you to those who have responded – we have heard back from the majority of councils.

We plan to share more information with you shortly about how we would like to work together over the coming months, so please do give us nominations if you haven't done so already.

Secretary of State Call with Councils

On Tuesday 13 August the Secretary of State Rt Hon Robert Jenrick hosted a call with over 300 council Leaders, Chief

Executives and Brexit Lead Officers to discuss Brexit preparations.

Also taking part were:

- Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs Minister of State George Eustice, who outlined developments relating to the new IPAFFS system and fisheries;
- Officials from Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, who covered communications to SMEs and support for business;
- Officials from the Home Office, who gave an update on the the EU Settlement Scheme; and
- The Minister for Local Government, Luke Hall.

We intend to hold further calls and will provide more information shortly.

Information and guidance

- The Department of Health and Social Care has published a summary of what adult social care providers and local authorities need to do to prepare for a no-deal Brexit:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/actions-for-adult-social-care-providers-to-prepare-for-brexit>
- The Home Office has launched a postcode checker tool to identify grant funded organisations in each area who are providing support for vulnerable citizens:
<https://www.gov.uk/help-eu-settlement-scheme>
- The Department for International Trade has released further information for UK businesses about bidding for overseas contracts if there is a no-deal Brexit:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bidding-for-overseas-contracts-what-to-expect-if-theres-a-no-deal-brexit>

- The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy has published advice for businesses on consumer rights if there's a no-deal Brexit:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/consumer-rights-and-business-changes-after-brex-it>
 - The UK Fisheries Administrations is encouraging fishermen with vessels 12 metres and longer to register with the International Maritime Organization to make sure that they are licenced to fish outside UK waters after Brexit:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/fishermen-in-over-12m-fleet-urged-to-register-now-to-be-ready-for-eu-exit>
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The Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs, in partnership with Seafish and the Marine Management Organisation, is hosting a series of events across England to help seafood traders, processors and businesses understand the

changes that lie ahead and what they can do to prepare for Brexit.

The events are open to any individuals or businesses involved in processing and trading fish and seafood with the EU; please share these with your local networks.

These are being held on:

- 4th September – Plymouth
- 5th September – Newlyn
- 11th September – Grimsby
- 12th September – Scarborough
- 26th September – Fleetwood
- 4th October – London

Spaces are still available via Eventbrite here:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/helping-the-uk-seafood-sector-be-ready-for-brexit-tickets-69198048225>

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 Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government

Local Government Brexit Bulletin

5 September

Launch of the Brexit Public Information Campaign

- The Government has launched a new public information campaign, 'Get Ready for Brexit', which will run across television, radio, social media, billboards and other platforms. Information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/brexit>.
- The campaign sets out what all members of the public and business owners need to know to prepare to leave the EU.
- As October 31 approaches, activity is ramping up for key target audiences with road shows and events. Whether you are a small business owner, haulier or EU citizen residing in the UK the actions you need to take to prepare will be clear.
- We will share a pack of official campaign communications materials with you shortly. The LGA will also be sharing this directly with council communications teams. You can use these to support your local Brexit communications.

MHCLG Updates

- On Tuesday 3 September, the Secretary of State chaired another meeting of the Brexit Local Government Delivery Board. Attendees from sector organisations like the Local Government Association received updates from Ministers from the Home Office, the Department for Education and the Department for Transport.
- All councils have now nominated a Brexit Lead Officer. We have now contacted all of these Officers and will continue to share information via this channel and through the network of nine Chief Executives.

Launch of the Brexit readiness fund for business organisations

- Last week, Business Secretary Andrea Leadsom today unveiled a £10 million grant scheme for business organisations and trade associations to support businesses in preparing for Brexit ahead of 31 October 2019.
- The Business Readiness Fund is open to business organisations and trade associations throughout the UK.
- The funding will support events, training and the production of advice packs to assist businesses in making sure they are fully prepared for a Brexit on 31 October.
- Applications for grants will be accepted up to Monday 30 September 2019 and administered through the dedicated website: <https://www.gov.uk/brexit-business-grants>.

Information and guidance

- HM Revenue & Customs have updated how VAT rules for UK businesses trading with EU countries would be affected if the UK leaves the EU without a deal, including detailed instructions on completing the European community sales list: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/vat-for-businesses-if-theres-no-brex-it-deal>
- HM Revenue & Customs have updated their guidance regarding bringing goods intended for business into or taking goods out of the UK in baggage or a small motor vehicle: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/bringing-merchandise-from-or-to-the-uk-in-baggage-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal>
- The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs has updated guidance regarding preparing food and drink businesses for a no-deal Brexit: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/the-food-and-drink-sector-and-preparing-for-eu-exit>
- The Department for Transport and the Driver and Vehicle Standards Agency have updated guidance regarding international road haulage: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/carry-out-international-road-haulage-after-brex-it> & <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/ecmt-international-road-haulage-permits>

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Please sign up using the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/local-government-brexite-briefing-registration-71532031231>

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Local Government Brexit Bulletin

12 September

Launch of the Brexit Communications Toolkit

- The Government has made available a local communications toolkit that supports the national public information campaign, 'Get Ready for Brexit'.
- The purpose of this toolkit is to provide you with materials and guidance to help inform your communities and encourage them to take any necessary steps to prepare for Brexit. We hope you will find this toolkit a helpful and accessible tool and we welcome your feedback.
- The toolkit can be found here: <https://we.tl/t-DA5nm4XWa7>. This link will expire in 7 days so please make sure you download any materials you need before then.
- The support materials can be downloaded from here: <https://we.tl/t-ksGdKemOaK>
- Additional materials that cover specific policy and audience messages, referenced on slide 6 and 7, will be distributed early next week.

- 'Get Ready for Brexit', is running across television, radio, social media, billboards and other platforms and more information can be found at <https://www.gov.uk/brexit>.
 - The toolkit has been sent out to council Brexit Lead Officer today and Local Resilience Forums communications leads.
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Launch of Information Campaign for Hauliers

- A large-scale information campaign has been launched by the Department for Transport this week to ensure businesses and hauliers are prepared for the UK to leave the EU on 31 October 2019.
 - The public awareness drive will help hauliers to obtain what they need from traders to get through border customs smoothly, reducing risk of delays at ports.
 - Please find further information here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/boost-for-hauliers-brexit-preparation-as-multi-million-pound-campaign-launched>
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MHCLG Updates

- You may be aware that the Government have published the Operation Yellowhammer Reasonable Worst Case Planning Assumptions document. Please find the document here:
<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/government-response-to-humble-address-motion>
- As October 31 approaches, we have restarted our weekly communications calls with Local Resilience Forums communication leads, beginning this week. Please let us know if you work in LRF communications and would like an invitation to these calls by emailing [\[REDACTED\]@communities.gov.uk](mailto:[REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk)

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Information and guidance

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 - The Home Office have updated guidance for EU citizens and their families on moving to the UK after Brexit. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/european-temporary-leave-to-remain-in-the-uk>
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Local Government Brexit Bulletin

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Information and guidance

Data Advice for Businesses

The Department for Culture, Media and Sport have issued the following lines that you may find useful to communicate to businesses in your area:

Act now to keep receiving personal data from the EU

If your business or organisation receives personal data from partners or suppliers in the EU or EEA countries you must act now to ensure you can still do so legally after Brexit. Personal data is any information that can be used to identify someone, this could include a customer's name, physical or IP addresses, or HR data such as staff working hours and payroll details. To continue receiving personal data legally after Brexit can be as simple as adding a new clause into your supplier contracts.

Find out how you can prepare at <https://www.gov.uk/brexit-personal-data>

Construction Products Regulation (CPR) No Deal Guidance

- In the event that the UK leaves the EU without a deal, the EU CPR will be retained in domestic law by the EU (Withdrawal) Act 2018. The government has made legislation that ensures that the UK-based CPR system will continue to operate after exit day. This legislation can be found here: <http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2019/465/made>
- Following the UK's exit from the EU, European harmonised standards and UK designated standards will be identical. Notified bodies operating under the CPR and based in the UK will be granted new UK 'approved body' status and listed on a new UK database. Where a UK approved body has undertaken conformity assessment activity against UK designated standards, the manufacturer must affix a UKCA marking. Details for this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/prepare-to-use-the-ukca-mark-after-brexit>
- Goods affixed with a compliant CE marking on the UK market before exit day will be able to continue to circulate in the UK. Additionally, goods which are made and assessed against EU harmonised standards and carry a compliant CE marking can continue to be placed on the UK market. It is intended that these arrangements will be for a

time-limited period and sufficient notice will be given to economic operators before that period ends.

- For further information, please read Construction Products Regulation if there is no Brexit deal: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/construction-products-regulation-if-there-is-no-brexit-deal>. This guidance was updated on 8 August, and we would welcome any feedback you have on the guidance.
- Our colleagues in the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have also produced guidance which may be useful: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-eu-internal-market-if-theres-no-deal> and <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/placing-manufactured-goods-on-the-uk-market-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>

Other Updates

- MHCLG has published a new Technical Notice on European Territorial Cooperation (ETC) funding in a no-deal Brexit. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/european-territorial-cooperation-funding-if-theres-no-brexit-deal/european-territorial-cooperation-funding-if-theres-no-brexit-deal>
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- The National Health Service has updated their guidance on getting your medicines if there's a no deal Brexit. Details: <https://www.nhs.uk/conditions/medicines-information/getting-your-medicines-if-theres-no-deal-eu-exit/?=5>
- The Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs and Animal and Plant Health Agency has updated their guidance on the import of

products, animals, food and feed system (IPAFFS). Details:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/import-of-products-animals-food-and-feed-system>

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<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/exporting-animals-animal-products-fish-and-fishery-products-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-with-no-deal>
 - The Minister of State for the Home Office, Rt Hon Brandon Lewis MP, has written to Guy Verhofstadt about the EU Settlement Scheme. Letter: <https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/eu-settlement-scheme-letter>
 - The Animal and Plant Health Agency has updated their guidance on the export of horses and ponies to include further information about streamlined re-entry processes to the EU. Details:
<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/export-horses-and-ponies-special-rules>
 - Advice on visiting the UK after Brexit has been updated. Details:
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Local Government Brexit Bulletin

27 September

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On Monday, 23rd September the Secretary of State Rt Hon Robert Jenrick MP hosted his second Local Government Brexit Briefing call, attended by almost 400 council and Local Resilience Forum representatives.

The Secretary of State was joined by Caroline Dinenage MP, the Minister of State at the Department of Health and Social Care, as well as senior officials from the Department for Transport, the Home Office and the Department for Exiting the EU's Communications team.

The Secretary of State provided updates on a range of issues including local resilience plans, control of personal data following a no deal Brexit, and increased funding for ports.

Thank you to all those who dialled-in; we hope you found it informative. We will share details of future calls with you once dates are confirmed.

Announcements

- The Department of Health and Social Care has announced steps to protect healthcare access for UK nationals living in the EU after 31 October. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/government-takes-steps-to-protect-healthcare-access-for-uk-nationals-living-in-the-eu-after-31-october>
 - The Department for Transport has announced a framework of eight freight operators which will be in place for four years to support the delivery of freight in the event of disruption. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/8-firms-signed-up-to-freight-procurement-framework-as-dft-launches-competition-for-brexit-capacity>
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Communications products

- The next phase of the Public Information Campaign has launched. This phase focuses on what certain audiences need to do to get ready for Brexit.
- The campaign speaks to a range of audiences, from businesses to pet owners, hauliers to holiday goers and farmers to importers/ exporters.
- New digital products have been created to help promote this next phase. These digital products are designed to help local communications teams address some of the main audiences that will be affected by Brexit with specific messages relevant to them. They can be downloaded here (valid for five days from today): <https://we.tl/t-eaEyXNKpLZ>

These relate to pages six and seven of the toolkit. The rest of the previous toolkit remains up to date: please make sure that your communications teams are using this one rather than the version circulated earlier in the year. If you have any difficulty downloading the digital products, or would like to be resent the toolkit, please email

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To assist in your efforts in promoting the EU Settlement Scheme, the Home Office has created a short animation on the ways an applicant can prove their identity, and a video with five top tips on using the EU Exit ID Document Check app.

These can be used on your social media channels, website pages and within any mail outs you may be doing to inform your networks and other stakeholders about the scheme. They can both be downloaded from the following link (valid for four days from today): <https://we.tl/t-5z5vDC1imf>.

Statistics on the number of applications to the EUSS by local authority can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/government/statistics/eu-settlement-scheme-quarterly-statistics-june-2019>

Guidance

- The Department of Health and Social Care have published guidance on how healthcare providers can prepare for Brexit. This guidance is for commissioners and healthcare providers, including hospitals, care homes, GP practices and community pharmacies. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-healthcare-providers-can-prepare-for-brexit>.
- This guidance follows earlier, separate guidance on actions for adult social care providers to prepare for Brexit. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/actions-for-adult-social-care-providers-to-prepare-for-brexit>
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- The Department for Transport and DVSA have published a summary of the driver, vehicle, cargo and customs documents required to transport goods into the EU after Brexit. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/haulers-and-commercial-drivers-you-will-need-new-documents-to-transport-goods-into-the-eu-after-brexit>
- HMRC's guidance to businesses on applying for grants when completing customs declarations has been updated to include how to treat the grants for tax. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/grants-for-businesses-that-complete-customs-declarations>
- Guidance on how to move goods through roll-on, roll-off locations in a no deal Brexit between the EU and the UK (excluding Northern Ireland) has been published. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/how-to-move-goods-through-ro-ro-locations-in-a-no-deal-brexit-eu-to-uk-and-uk-to-eu>

Food Standards Agency Information

- The Food Standards Agency's bidding process for Funding for EU Exit preparation has re-opened in England and will run until 31/12/2019. More information can be found on smarter communications: <https://www.food.gov.uk/about-us/local-authorities>
- A new risk-based approach has been agreed for Export Health Certificate inspections for fish. This will help reduce the amount of time involved in applying for an EHC for fish exports. The new guidance has been issued to local government Certifying Officers via FSA's Smarter Communications platform on Monday 23 September.

Guidance has been published:

- on changes to health and identification marks. Details: <https://www.food.gov.uk/business-guidance/brexit-changes-to-health-and-identification-marks>
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Announcements

- MHCLG has published a summary of the last two Brexit Local Government Delivery Board meetings. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/brexit-local-government-delivery-board-september-2019-update>
- The Department for Work and Pensions is writing to pensioners living in the EU to confirm that their UK State Pension will continue to be increased every year until March 2023 if we leave the EU in a no-deal scenario, as announced on 1 September. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/brexit-and-pensions-uprating>
- HRMC has announced that it will provide a further £10 million in grants for customs agents and intermediaries to build capacity in managing customs declarations. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/hmrc-adds-a-further-10-million-to-boost-customs-expertise>

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EUSS London Network Event

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Invites were sent to London Brexit Lead Officers and the Home Office has asked for responses by Friday 4th October. Please note that further EUSS partner events with local authorities are being planned over the coming months.

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Please find further information here:

https://registration.livgroup.co.uk/brexitbusinessreadinessevents/?utm_campaign=brexit-business-readiness-2019

The Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy have extended the application deadline for their Brexit business readiness fund. Details:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/brexit-readiness-fund-extended-to-help-businesses-to-prepare>

Brexit Preparedness Workshops

The Department for International Trade are running a series of events to help exporters get ready for Brexit.

Please find further information here:

<https://www.events.great.gov.uk/ehome/index.php?eventid=200194661&>

‘Get ready for Brexit’ Webinars

HMRC are running webinars that will provide an overview of what UK businesses need to do to keep importing and exporting goods between the UK and EU.

Please find further information here:

<https://register.gotowebinar.com/rt/6556129852233668609?source=Sep-HMRC-Comms-GOV>

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- New digital products have been created to help local communication teams with their messaging and can be downloaded here (valid for seven days from today):

<https://we.tl/t-kRNMFv4>

These new digital products relate to pages six and seven of the Local Communications Toolkit, the latest version of which was circulated three weeks ago. The purpose of the toolkit is to provide digital products and guidance to help you inform your communities and encourage them to take any necessary steps to prepare for Brexit. Other than the updated digital products, the rest of the toolkit remains up to date: please make sure that your communications teams are using this one rather than the version circulated earlier in the year. If you have any difficulty downloading the digital products, or would like to be resent the toolkit, please email [REDACTED]@communities.gov.uk

Guidance and Information

- Lawyers in Local Government (LLG) have produced guidance for councils on Brexit Secondary Legislation which can be found on LLG's website here: https://www.lawyersinlocalgovernment.org.uk/news_articles/llg-publishes-guidance-on-eu-exit-statutory-instruments-with-local-government-impact
- MHCLG has set out what those working in the construction products industry need to do to prepare for Brexit in blogs for both the Construction Products Association and the Federation Master Builders. Details: <https://www.constructionproducts.org.uk/news-media-events/blog/2019/october/construction-product-regulations-post-brexit/> and <https://www.fmb.org.uk/join-the-fmb/builders-blog/archive/what-builders-need-to-know-about-construction-products-regulations-post-brexit/>
- The Department for Work and Pensions has updated its guidance on the rights of EU citizens to claim UK benefits if they arrive in the UK after Brexit. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/eu-citizens-in-the-uk-benefits-and-pensions-in-a-no-deal-scenario>
- Detailed guides for businesses on specific product safety and metrology regulations in a no-deal Brexit have been published. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/uk-product-safety-and-metrology-in-a-no-deal-brexit>
- The Cabinet Office has provided updated information for businesses on the outcome for public procurement policy in a no-deal Brexit scenario. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/public-sector-procurement-after-a-no-deal-brexit>

- New e-learning on imported food sampling is available. This is aimed at environmental health staff, port health officers and trading standards officers. It can be found here: <https://samplingtraining.food.gov.uk/#home>. This complements existing e-learning on imported food controls: <https://importedfoodtraining.food.gov.uk/#home>
- Guidance for UK businesses on using simplified customs procedures in a no-deal Brexit has been updated to include information about moving goods with an ATA Carnet through the ports of Holyhead and Dover and the Eurotunnel has been added. Details: <https://www.gov.uk/guidance/customs-procedures-if-the-uk-leaves-the-eu-without-a-deal>
- DEFRA have updated their list for import and export processes after Brexit, adding a flowchart for direct landings of UK caught marine fish into EU ports after Brexit. <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/flowcharts-for-import-and-export-processes-after-brexit>
- A licensing authority, the Single Issuing Authority (SIA), has been set up to ensure UK fishermen have the correct licences to fish legally in line with any negotiated agreements, in non-UK waters and is encouraging fishermen to register for an International Maritime Organisation (IMO) number. <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/ukfas-prepare-licensing-for-commercial-fishing-in-non-uk-waters-after-brexit>

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