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Meeting: EU Exit Working Group
Date: Wednesday 13 February 2019
Time: 3.00 pm
Place: Committee Room 4, City Hall, The Queen's Walk, London, SE1 2AA

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Present:

Len Duvall AM (Chair)
Caroline Pidgeon MBE AM
Caroline Russell AM

1 Apologies for Absence and Chair's Announcements (Item 1)

1.1 Apologies for absence were received from the Deputy Chairman, Gareth Bacon AM, and Peter Whittle AM.

2 Declarations of Interest (Item 2)

2.1 **Resolved:**

That the list of offices held by Assembly Members, as set out in the table at Agenda Item 2, be noted as disclosable pecuniary interests.

3 Minutes (Item 3)

3.1 Resolved:

That the minutes of the meeting of the EU Exit Working Group held on 28 November 2019 be signed by the Chair as a correct record.

4 Summary List of Actions (Item 4)

4.1 The Working Group received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat.

4.2 Resolved:

That the completed and outstanding actions arising from previous meetings, and additional correspondence, be noted.

5 Contingency Planning as London Prepares for a "No-Deal" Brexit (Item 5)

5.1 The Working Group received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to discussion with the following invited guests on contingency planning in London, in preparation for a possible "no-deal" Brexit:

- Dr Fiona Twycross AM, Chair, London Resilience Forum;
- John Hetherington, Head of London Resilience;
- Khadir Meer, Chief Operating Officer – London Region, NHS England; and
- Peter Boorman OBE, Regional Head of Emergency Preparedness, Resilience and Response, NHS England.

5.2 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 1**.

5.3 During the course of the discussion Khadir Meer and Peter Boorman OBE undertook to:

- Provide the Working Group with the analysis that Health Education England has done on the potential medium-term impact of Brexit on the NHS workforce;
- Inform the Working Group of how many weeks' worth of medicines and medical supplies are stored for general national supply issues, in comparison to the six weeks' worth of supplies planned for the period after the UK exits the European Union; and
- Provide the Working Group with the national list of priority medicines identified by the Department for Health.

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5.4 During the course of the discussion Dr Fiona Twycross AM and John Hetherington undertook to:

- Provide the Working Group with the timescales of the results of the food insecurity research being carried out by the Food Team at the Greater London Authority.

5.5 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and the discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree an output from the discussion.**

6 The Role of LEAP in Helping London Businesses Prepare for Brexit (Item 6)

6.1 The Working Group received the report of the Executive Director of Secretariat as background to discussion with Jamie Izzard, Senior Manager – Small and Medium Enterprises, Food and London Economic Action Partnership (LEAP), GLA, on the role of LEAP in helping London businesses prepare for Brexit.

6.3 A transcript of the discussion is attached at **Appendix 2**.

6.3 During the course of the discussion Jamie Izzard undertook to provide the Working Group with the London Growth Hub report that was reported to the LEAP Investment Committee.

6.4 **Resolved:**

- (a) That the report and the discussion be noted; and**
- (b) That authority be delegated to the Chair, in consultation with party Group Lead Members, to agree an output from the discussion.**

7 Date of Next Meeting (Item 7)

7.1 Subject to a decision at the Annual Meeting, the next meeting of the EU Exit Working Group was scheduled for Wednesday, 19 June 2019 at 2.00pm in the Chamber, City Hall.

8 Any Other Business the Chair Considers Urgent (Item 8)

8.1 There was no urgent business.

9 Close of Meeting

9.1 The meeting ended at 4.57pm.

Chair

Date

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