



Brexit Transition

Risks for local government to manage during a transition

Advisory note to Council
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Context

- » The transition period following departure from the European Union as a full member will pose risks for the public services to manage. These risks might vary dependent on the detail of the final agreement but will still be present
- » Governments are planning for the transitional risks
- » The support of local government is being sought at UK and Wales levels
- » National partnership arrangements include COBRA (UK Government), a Welsh equivalent noting that civil contingencies is a recently devolved function, and at regional Local Resilience Forum level

Transitional Risk Management

- » Local Government and Welsh Local Government research and analysis, and specialist advice
- » Tools such as local economic impact analysis models
- » Workforce recruitment and retention analysis
- » Specialist sector analysis e.g. trading laws
- » Civil contingency planning

Types of Risks

- » **Economic:** performance of local companies in international markets; access to good and services; migrancy of workers; investment decisions by multi-international companies; future of EU funds
- » **Community:** community tensions; continuity of supplies of international goods and services; travel restrictions and new arrangements
- » **Institutional:** access to goods and services and fluctuation in prices; risks to recruitment and retention in direct and commissioned services e.g. social care; legal and procurement; fluctuation in financial markets e.g. treasury management; civil contingencies planning
- » **Civil Contingencies:** e.g. border controls; shortages in the ready supply of goods; Pan-European security



Our Ongoing Role

- » Work with Welsh Local Government Association and Welsh Government on collective planning
- » Regional work on contingency planning with the Local Resilience Forum
- » Management of regional planning as the specific risks become clearer
- » Public advice and assurance



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