

Agenda Item: 5

One Nottingham Board

Title of Paper: BREXIT and Community Cohesion Update

Date: 10th March 2017

1. Purpose

This paper is provided as a background to the regular Board updates on Community Cohesion and the EU Referendum result. It will also help form a background paper to the earlier Black Lives Matter item on this January meeting agenda.

2. Background

- 2.1 Each ON Board meeting there is a short agenda item in which members have been able to consider and offer implications and impacts of the EU referendum result.
- The meetings have received the most recently available information on cohesion, potentially related hate crime reports and locally organised initiatives and publications.
- The meetings have attempted to keep a view of the implications on the EU referendum result, providing a local angle when it has been possible. The purpose of this discussion is to understand the local position within the national context.

3. Recommendation

Members are asked to comment on the local implications and impact of the EU Exit and progress of the Bill through Parliament.

4. EU Exit

The Prime Minister's speech of 17 January (see *below*) made clear that her Government:

- will seek 'control' of immigration levels.
- will not seek to remain a member of the single market and will seek only some form of associate status with the EU's customs union.
- regards securing the status of EU and UK nationals living in the UK and EU respectively as a matter of priority.
- will seek the "phased implementation" of negotiated agreements post-Brexit.
- believes that "*no deal is better than a bad deal*".

The Government has published a whitepaper on the Government's plans for Brexit which built on the above speech.

The Government's short "European Union (Notification of Withdrawal) Bill" was backed by MPs on 1 February.

On 1 March the House of Lords voted to include protections for EU citizens' residency status in the Bill. The Bill will now move between the House of Lords and the House of

	Commons and is expected to be enacted around 15th March.
5.	Community Cohesion Update
	<p>The January Board meeting agreed to organise an event with the City Council on the Casey Report and the implications for Community Cohesion. During the intervening period there has been a series of community cohesion events, seminars and launches, an update will be given at the meeting on the outcomes and progress of these. It was therefore considered that a One Nottingham event could be potential duplication.</p> <p>One of the significant conferences was Love Not Hate, funded by the City Council and the National Lottery. Appended to this report is a copy the conference report for your information.</p> <p>The Board might like to consider the future implications and impact of the triggering of Article 50 by the UK Government and any resilience planning we may ask partners to consider putting in to place. There are concerns in the community that the Article 50 announcement may lead to an increase in tension in a similar way to that of the referendum result.</p>

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