



COUNCIL MEETING – 25 September 2019

Question under Council Procedure Rule 15(3)

QUESTION 12

From: Councillor Ruffell

To: The Leader (Cllr Thompson)

“What steps have the administration taken for a no deal Brexit?”

Reply

“The Council is closely following developments relating to Brexit and assessing the potential impacts of a ‘no deal’ exit from the European Union on 31 October.

Each Corporate Head of Service has recently reviewed their assessment of the potential impacts of a no deal exit on their services, including the possible effects on key contracts and contractors.

An assessment of the risks to council services has been completed and is reviewed on a regular basis by senior management

The Council is also engaging with the Local Resilience Forum (LRF) who continue to examine the local implications from a ‘no deal’ Brexit in October. A key consideration is the management of traffic associated with the Port of Portsmouth.

The council website has signposting and sources of further support and information on all aspects of EU exit. This ensures all our communications are linked to the national message to reassure and promote readiness.

We are working closely with the EM3 LEP to support local business and a Growth Hub Brexit clinic was held in Winchester on 21 March. Further support is being planned by the LEP on a regional basis.

We are using our partner channels, Business Improvement District, Hampshire Chamber of Commerce and Federation of Small Businesses to reach businesses to identify those at risk, to understand issues and to enable support to be offered.

The next issue of e-newsletter “Entrepreneur” will link all business info together, including details of Hampshire Chamber of Commerce workshops and promoting Enterprise M3 LEP drop-in sessions.”