

Southwark Brexit Panel

MINUTES of the Southwark Brexit Panel held on Thursday 26 November 2020
at 6.00 pm via MSTeams

PRESENT: Councillor Stephanie Cryan (Chair)
Councillor Peter John OBE
Councillor Richard Leeming
Councillor Maria Linforth-Hall
Councillor David Noakes

OTHERS PRESENT: Stephen Douglas (Director of Communities)
Paul Dumke (Registration, Coroner's Support and Interim
Information Governance Manager, Housing and
Modernisation)
Stephen Gaskell (Director of Renewal)
Aine Gallagher (Cabinet and Public Affairs Manager
(interim))

OFFICER SUPPORT: Poonam Patel (Constitutional Officer, secondment)

1. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Alice Macdonald, Cabinet Member for Communities and Equalities.

2. DISCLOSURE OF INTERESTS AND DISPENSATIONS

There were none.

3. MEMBERSHIP AND TERMS OF REFERENCE

The Membership and Terms of reference were agreed.

4. MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 4 February 2020 were agreed as a correct record of the meeting.

5. BREXIT UPDATE

The Director of Renewal introduced the report and drew the panel's attention to the budget and risk positions, and the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) as set out in paragraphs 18 and 19 of the report. The panel noted, the recent [spending review statement](#) made by the Chancellor on 25 November 2020, that there would be a total of £1.5bn per year in the SPF; and welcomed a report at the next meeting. It was noted that the panel would find it helpful if the report included as much information as possible about the SPF allocation and past EU related funds that had been spent in the borough.

The Panel received a verbal update from the Registration, Coroner's Support and Interim Information Governance Manager and noted that the I.D verification service through the EU settlement scheme had presented COVID-19 related challenges to meet service demand. For example, the service was currently suspended during the lockdown however, the online self-service continued to be accessible.

It was noted, that those eligible should continue to be encouraged to sign-up to the [EU settlement scheme](#) and consider using the free EU settled support service whilst complying with lockdown rules. The deadline to apply falls on 30 June 2021 and the end to free movement will be 31 December 2020. The Panel acknowledged that it was not possible to know the exact number of those who were yet to sign-up, as not all residents were registered on the electoral register, should that be a viable data source to use.

RESOLVED:

1. That the report was noted.
2. That the Southwark Brexit Panel to receive a report setting out the latest position concerning the Shared Prosperity Fund and past EU funds that had been spent in the borough at a future meeting.

6. THE WORK STREAMS FOR FUTURE MEETINGS (VERBAL)

The Chair introduced the item and in response to a discussion the following areas of focus were agreed:

- **Settlement Status:** the communications plan and publicity – reaching all stakeholders from those who were digitally and not digitally enabled to local charities and businesses
- **Local services and service offer:** the procurement of services – legislative updates and/or changes; risks and solutions
- **Shared Prosperity Fund/EU related funds:** the need to identify what funds were available
- **Market impact:** sustaining local workforces in all sectors.

RESOLVED:

That the Southwark Brexit Panel noted the proposed work streams.

Meeting ended at 7.24pm.

CHAIR:

DATED: