

## Policy Resources &amp; Growth Committee

10 October 2018

## WRITTEN QUESTIONS

## 1. Cllr Mac Cafferty:

The government's Brexit contingency plans to manage lorry traffic in Kent would take 14 days to implement and cost around 30m to facilitate for up to six months. The National Audit Office has slammed government departments for their inadequate planning for Brexit, warning that they have put at risk billions of pounds in exports and damage to key industries. According to the Open University 3 in 5 firms say that the UK's skill shortage worsened in the last year; more than half of businesses expect the situation to deteriorate. The Governor of the Bank of England has warned that a no-deal Brexit could be as bad as the 2008 financial crash. A survey from the British Chambers of Commerce reveals that nearly two-thirds of businesses have yet to do any risk assessments of a no-deal outcome. While the Chartered Institute of Procurement and Supply has said a no-deal Brexit would bankrupt 1 in 10 UK firms and David Rutley MP has been appointed to oversee the protection of food supplies.

Last year the European Union invested £17m to support 601 farmers around Brighton; it has invested over £100m to support research projects and £1m to create jobs. Our city still has had absolutely no clarity about where any of the EU funds will come from in the future.

Will the Chair of the Committee urgently write to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government and Secretary of State for Exiting the European Union asking them to share with the City Council the assessments their departments have written about how the city and the region's economy will be affected by Brexit; what assurances their departments will give to residents that everything is being done by their departments and the government to mitigate risks to jobs and livelihoods; and that in the absence of such mitigation they will aid and compensate city residents whose income is lost through Brexit.

