**Strategic Policy Committee** 



## Economic Development & Enterprise Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018

Agenda Item 7: BREXIT Response & Supports

LEO Supports for business developed in response to BREXIT

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The continued uncertainty surrounding BREXIT has created a difficult landscape for Irish business to navigate. The recent release of the UK governments White Paper has produce a very welcome negotiation position form the UK government and will enable the EU/EU negotiating teams to begin finalising the details for the withdrawal.

In the mean time the Irish government and its agents have committed significant resources to ensure that Irish business are as prepared as possible, and have developed a large range of supports, training, mentoring and financial assistance programmes to offset and minimise the effects of BREXIT as much as is possible.

The response from Enterprise Ireland (EI) and delivered in partnership with the Local Enterprise Office (LEO) Dublin City, include events raising awareness of the challenges facing Irish business through "Brexit Road show" with EI June 2018, the release of the "Brexit Score SME card" and the "Agile Innovation Fund" launched and promoted with EI.

Other BREXIT supports which can be accessed through the LEO include the "technical assistance for micro exporters" and "trading online voucher". A number of BREXIT specific training programmes "LEAN & Accelerate" have been developed to assist business prepared and a BREXIT specific mentoring programme is also been delivered at a reduced cost.

The full range of LEO Dublin City Brexit supports is available to download though this link

https://www.localenterprise.ie/DublinCity/Publications-Resources/Prepare-for-Brexit/