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To: Business Co-ordination Board

From: Chief Constable

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Cambridgeshire Constabulary EU Exit Preparedness

1.0 Purpose

1.1 The purpose of this paper is to provide an update to the Business Coordination Board (“the Board”) regarding Cambridgeshire Constabulary preparedness for the UK’s planned exit from the European Union.

2.0 Recommendations

2.1 It is recommended that Business Co-ordination Board members note the contents of this paper and the progress being made to ensure preparedness for the future UK Exit from the European Union.

3.0 Background / Introduction

3.1 The UK is currently due to exit the European Union (EU) following a public referendum which was conducted on 23 June 2016 and Article 50 of the Lisbon Treaty being invoked on 29 March 2017.

3.2 At time of publication EU Exit date has been set as 31 October 2019. No formal departure deal has been established with the EU, although government level talks are ongoing. The absence of an exit deal with the EU is reasonably believed likely to cause disruption to the UK infrastructure, summarised under key headings of; Travel, Freight and Borders, Disruption of Services, Information and Data Sharing and Demonstrations and Disorder.

3.3 A significant amount of planning and preparation has been undertaken by the UK Government to prepare for EU Exit under the auspice of 'Operation Yellowhammer'. This includes details of 'Reasonable Worst Case Scenario' (RWCS) planning assumptions in the event of a 'no deal' exit, highlighted below.

- Travel disruption / delays to Strategic Road Networks.
- Disruption of key Ports.
- Fuel distribution issues.
- Energy demands.
- Supplies of medicine.
- Supplies of veterinary medicine.
- Food supply and distribution
- Disruption to Water supplies.
- Low Income Groups disproportionately affected by price rises.
- Financial and Business services.
- Adult social care provision.
- Data Protection Adequacy agreements.
- Law enforcement data sharing and intelligence systems.
- EU Exit related demonstrations and disorder.

3.4 As part of Operation Yellowhammer preparations, every Local Resilience Forum within the UK has been engaged from the outset. Cambridgeshire Constabulary are a key partner within the Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Local Resilience Forum (CPLRF).

3.5 Whilst the county of Cambridgeshire's preparedness for EU Exit has been co-ordinated by the CPLRF, there remains a necessity for every partner agency to undertake local Business Continuity Planning measures.

4.0 Risk Assessment

4.1 Each of the RWCS 'No Deal' Planning Assumptions have been risk assessed based on a probability v impact matrix and given a Low, Medium or High grading. There are no current anticipated 'High' risk areas. In the event that the UK leaves 'with a deal' then risk areas are likely to dramatically reduce or be completely negated.

4.2 The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government, Resilience and Emergencies Division (MHCLG RED) monitor national LRF impact levels against key areas.

4.3 An overarching Brexit risk (394) has been raised on the Force Risk Register which is 'Amber'. At time of writing CP LRF are experiencing 'No Impact' in key areas, although business continuity planning continues.

5.0 Governance

- 5.1 There is an established CPLRF command structure in place managing EU Exit 'Operation Snow Bunting'¹ preparedness.
- 5.2 A Strategic and Tactical Co-ordinating Group (SCG / TCG) meeting structure has been established to co-ordinate CP LRF preparedness, response and recovery activity. The groups have met regularly up to this point. As we approach the critical 'EU Exit' period further daily meetings have been planned, including the weekend period. There is comprehensive attendance by CPLRF partners
- 5.3 CPLRF work towards an agreed Gold strategy. Strategic guiding objectives are to;
- Protect and preserve life
 - Identify potential incidents that might occur and mitigate and minimise their impact, maintain critical infrastructure and essential services
 - Create conditions for recovery; promote restoration and improvement activity in the aftermath of any incident to return to the new normality
- 5.4 National engagement by CPLRF is achieved via appropriate representation at the regular central government meeting structure, including:
- MHCLG (RED) Chairs Teleconferences
 - MHCLG (RED) Secretariat Teleconferences
 - LRF Communication Calls
- 5.5 Cambridgeshire Constabulary (Intelligence and Specialist Crime Department) submit weekly reports to the National Police Co-ordination Centre and Eastern Region Information Coordination Cell in respect of mobilisation, civil contingencies, business continuity, events and communications, with further reporting to the Parliamentary Liaison and Investigations Team (PLAIT) regarding local issues pertaining to Cambridgeshire MP's.

6.0 Resilience Planning

- 6.1 CPLRF has developed a number of emergency and recovery plans in order to mitigate the effects of key risks outlined within the existing Community Risk Register. These emergency plans are held within the secure Resilience Direct website and accessible by CPLRF partners. (Page Title; CPLRF Plan Store)
- 6.2 Plans are subject to a continuous programme of improvement, testing and exercising which is monitored at CPLRF Strategic Board level.
- 6.3 It is acknowledged that CPLRF may have to manage seasonal risks (Flu Pandemic, Weather related incidents etc) in conjunction with any EU exit planning assumption risks. Pre-determined plans exist for foreseeable seasonal risks.
- 6.4 Whilst it is impossible to predict all planning assumption consequences of EU Exit, the nature and extent of emergency planning already undertaken by CPLRF has facilitated application of pre-existing emergency response plans in response to potential individual risks and

¹ Operation 'Snow Bunting' is the LRF contingency planning response to Operation 'Yellow Hammer'.

resilience events associated with EU Exit planning assumptions, which have been referenced below.

CPLRF Plan Title	Planning Assumption Risk Area
Agency Business Continuity Plans	All Risk Areas
Major Route Disruption Plan (Gridlock)	Strategic Road Network Disruption
Cambridge International Airport Plan	Disruption to Ports
CPLRF Fuel Shortage Plan and National Emergency Plan - Fuel	Fuel Supply disruption
Communication Systems Plan	All Risk Areas
CPLocal Health Resilience Partnership Plans	Supply of Medicines Seasonal Risks
Supporting People in a Civil Emergency Protocol	Road Network Disruption Seasonal / Civil Emergency Risks
Vulnerable People Protocol	Price Increases Social Care
Mass Alternative Water Supply Plan	Water Supply
Command and Control Plan	All Risk Areas
Warn and Inform Comms Plan	All Risk Areas
Military Support	All Risk Areas
Tidal Flood Plan	Seasonal Risk
Community Recovery Plan	All Risk Areas
Severe Weather Plan	Seasonal Risk

6.5 An overarching EU Exit resilience plan has been produced which captures key planning at 'official' level and therefore can be generally publicised if required.

7.0 Cambridgeshire Constabulary 'EU Exit' Business Continuity Planning

7.1 Whilst the majority of EU Exit planning has been conducted in partnership with CPLRF, Cambridgeshire Constabulary has undertaken additional business continuity planning work around key planning assumptions.

7.2 A programme of testing and exercising has been undertaken, both unilaterally and in partnership with CPLRF partners, the latest being undertaken on 24 September, covering a range of risk areas (mutual aid, business continuity, road network disruption, fuel shortages, social care provision). This programme will continue as required.

7.3 Central Government have provided additional funding to CPLRF which will further fund the EU Exit Planning Co-ordinator post, an additional administration function and exercising regime until October 2020.

8.0 Conclusion and Recommendations

8.1 The nature and extent of any UK Exit from the EU, especially without a formalised deal, is of such a complex nature, that there are likely to be outcomes which cannot or have not been reasonably foreseen.

8.2 Of those risk areas which have been anticipated in a 'Reasonable Worse Case Scenario' Cambridgeshire Constabulary and the wider CPLRF have and will continue to implement appropriate measures to best mitigate against those highlighted risks.

- 8.3 It is recommended that Business Co-ordination Board members note the contents of this paper and the progress being made to ensure preparedness for the future UK Exit from the European Union.