

BIRMINGHAM CITY COUNCIL

**REPORT OF THE INTERIM ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF REGULATION AND
ENFORCEMENT
TO THE LICENSING AND PUBLIC PROTECTION COMMITTEE**

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ALL WARDS

**DELIVERY OF AN E U SETTLEMENT SCHEME CHECKING SERVICE BY
BIRMINGHAM REGISTER OFFICE**

1. Summary

- 1.1 Due to the UK leaving the European Union, if EEA or Swiss citizens who wish to live, work or study in the UK after 30 June 2021 (or after 31 December 2020 if there is a no deal exit) will need to apply to the settlement scheme to gain settled or pre-settled status.
- 1.2 Birmingham Register Office will offer an identification verification service to support EEA or Swiss citizens who need assistance to apply to the settlement scheme.
- 1.3 The service will be offered in partnership with European and International Affairs Birmingham City Council, for which grant funding has been awarded.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the delivery of the identification verification service by Birmingham Register Office to support EEA or Swiss citizens who need assistance to apply to the settlement scheme be approved to take effect from January 2021.

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3. Background

- 3.1 If EEA or Swiss nationals and their family members wish to remain in the UK to live, work and study after the UK leaves the EU they will need to obtain settlement status.
- 3.2 Applicants will need to have their identify verified and there are various means by which a verification service is available, one of which is via local registration services.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 The Birmingham Register Office will provide an identification scanning service for those citizens who are vulnerable or hard to reach and would benefit from a face to face service.
- 4.2 The service is time limited and will run from January 2021 to 30 June 2021.

5. Implications for Resources

- 5.1 The Home Office have issued a grant to European and International Affairs, to cover delivery costs.
- 5.2 Delivery of the service by Birmingham Register Office will be covered by grant funding

6. Implications for Policy Priorities

- 6.1 The recommendations are in accordance with Policy to support eligible citizens through Brexit.
- 6.2 The issues addressed in this report underpin the City Council Vision, Birmingham is an entrepreneurial city to learn, work and invest in, Birmingham is an aspirational city to grow up in, Birmingham is a great city to live, Birmingham is a fulfilling city to age well in.
- 6.3 They also support the Regulation and Enforcement Mission Statement: Locally accountable and responsive fair regulation for all – achieving a safe, clean, green and fair trading city for residents, business and visitors.

7. Public Sector Equality Duty

- 7.1 The service is only available to all EEA and Swiss nationals who qualify under the scheme and consequently an Equalities Assessment has not been undertaken.

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