

EU EXIT PREPARATION FUNDING: TEMPLATE FOR RETURNS (please return by close Friday 1 June)

Scenario 1 – EU exit preparation work (based on central assumption of negotiated Free Trade Agreement between UK/ EU with a transition period to 31 December 2020)							
Description of essential EU exit preparation work to guarantee future delivery	Policy area this relates to (e.g. water quality)	Why work is required	Key risks of not doing this work	Headline costs for work	Associated staff costs, and FTE	Split of staff costs between current and new (short – term) recruits	Any specific expertise required for this work
1. LEADER Programme Delivery, Completion, Closure and Audit (anticipated heightened audit requirement, possible early closure timetable). Also requires full monitoring and evaluation of programme, again potentially completed more fully earlier in programme cycle as consequence of EU exit (This is LEADER element of SRDP)	Stronger Communities (Community Led Local Development or CLLD)	Closure of EU funded programme, with local, national and EU audit required to be met. Justify that £3m of LEADER funding (and further £3m match funding) has been invested in eligible programme activities.	Significant EU imposed penalties. Potential failure of SG to recover programme funds from UK / EU.	2018/19 No added costs – programme operating within existing resource allocations 2019/20 (where known)	2018/19 C£120k / 3.6 FTE 2019/20 (where known) C£120k / 3.6 FTE	80% current 20% fixed term	Community development knowledge and project management; Technical understanding of EU regulations
2. Wider policy work on funding of future CLLD investment	Stronger Communities (Community Led Local Development or CLLD)	CLLD is a key investment in Cairngorms NP helping local communities deliver on their own action plans	Loss of significant community momentum and community capacity to develop their own services and facilities	Est £40k 18/19 Est £40k 19/20 Above at local level. National approaches to this possible and sig. cost.	Minimal – expect this work mostly contracted out and contract management absorbed within existing staff	N/A	Rural and Community Development expertise

Scenario 2 –EU exit preparation work required if EU exit takes place on 31 March 2019 in a ‘no deal scenario’ i.e. there is no agreed transition period and no agreement on the future relationship between the UK and the EU27.

<p>Description of essential EU exit contingency work or accelerated preparation work required to ensure continuity of essential ‘business as usual’ functions</p> <p>As I understand current arrangements, all LEADER impacts above would remain the same as scenario 1, with contracts in place prior to EU exit.</p> <p>However, I do expect that audit work would be even more prompt / onerous / exacting and need more resource to prep for to deal with these risks. These are therefore added estimates on top of those for scenario 1.</p>	<p>Stronger Communities (Community Led Local Development or CLLD) / SRDP</p>	<p>Preparation for accelerated and more onerous external and EU audit regime</p>	<p>Heightened risk of grant loss / penalties. EU penalties for ineligible payment €250k for each and every instance.</p>	<p>£50k 18/19 £50k 19/20</p>	<p>£50k 18/19 £50k 19/20</p>	<p>100% fixed short term</p>	<p>Finance and audit (recruit fixed term in house audit to organise records and defend positions / projects)</p>
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