COUNCIL

NOTICE OF MOTION

The following Notice of Motion has been submitted in accordance with Procedure Rule 10 by Councillor S. Baxter.

Council recognises that a no-deal Brexit is still a possibility and this could have serious implications for our district.

Council notes that All District Councils have been awarded Government funding with $\pm 17,400$ already allocated to Bromsgrove.

There are 3m European nationals working in the UK many of whom are employed in the agriculture, care and hospitality industries who are currently dependant on their contribution to the workforce. According to government information, these residents will have until December 31st 2020 to apply for UK residency under the European residency scheme, however there is confusion over the government's announcement that free movement <u>would end immediately</u> on 31 October 2019 and that a planned transition period would not be implemented.

To date, there have only been 1m applications for UK residency which presents a known risk to our local businesses and community in the event of a no deal Brexit.

We call upon this council to take the following actions to mitigate against all risks associated with a no deal brexit:

- 1. To use some of the funding that it has received from central government to support our businesses and our local economy by urgently developing a programme which will maximise the take up of the European residency scheme and the need to apply for it.
- 2. To ask officers to produce an assessment of all financial risks of a no-deal Brexit to Bromsgrove District and ask the Leader to establish a cross party working group to consider how the total available funds can be used in the best interests of the community.