

## Brexit: July highlight report dated 1/8/16

Reporting Period	From: 1 July 2016	To: 31 July 2016	Next Period	From: 1 August 2016	To: 31 August 2016	Programme risk profile
<b>Summary</b>	<p>There has been good progress this month, the country now has a leader and the Sponsoring Group is beginning to take shape. Initial stakeholder engagement has occurred and the governance model has begun to emerge with the Governor of the Bank of England beginning to hand back full responsibility for the economy to the new Chancellor of the Exchequer. The programme board is taking shape with key BCM appointments now being in place to manage the transition, though still no programme manager. There is little sign of a plan at present but the decision to trigger Article 50 has been made and will happen in January 2017.</p>					
<b>Progress this period</b>			<b>Anticipated progress next period</b>			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Initial engagement with main European leaders</li> <li>Consultation with the UK national governments</li> <li>Appointment of the UK Minister for Brexit anticipated to be SRO</li> <li>Appointment of two key programme board members, Foreign Secretary and Trade Development minister</li> </ul>			<p>Very little as most people are on holiday in August</p>			
<b>Issues identified this period</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 of the 4 UK nations did not vote to leave, namely Scotland and Northern Ireland</li> <li>EU have appointed a negotiations team that do not appear to be fully aligned with the Brexit mandate, Michel Barnier</li> <li>Significant drop in the value of the pound</li> <li>Steel works in Wales deal called off</li> <li>Hinkley Point C investment decision postponed suddenly, Brexit implications not known.</li> <li>HS2 investment decision appears under threat, possibly from economic changes resulting from Brexit</li> <li>The UK has a significant shortage trade negotiators (less than 20 compared to over 600 in Brussels)</li> </ul>					
<b>Outstanding issues to be resolved</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>UK Prime Minister appointed, issue now closed</li> <li>EU refusal to engage prior to Clause 50 being triggered, face to face dialogue with high impact stakeholders taking place</li> </ul>					

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## Programme Milestones

Key to Status

Ahead Of Schedule		On Track	At Risk	Late
Key milestones	Due Date	Status	Report	
Establish the sponsoring group	None forecast		<p>There has been progress in this area with high impact stakeholders being engaged with face to face meeting with the Prime Minister in July, primarily the UK nations and the major economic leaders in Europe along with visit to the US.</p> <p>The group is not likely to meet regularly, however the key individuals who have emerged with a major stake or influence:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• UK Prime Minister: Theresa May</li> <li>• UK Chancellor of the Exchequer: Philip Hammond</li> <li>• President of the EU Commission: Jean Claude Juncker</li> <li>• President of the EU Council: Donald Tusk</li> <li>• Chancellor, Germany: Angela Merkel</li> <li>• President, France: Francoise Hollande</li> </ul>	
Confirm the programme mandate	None forecast		<p>Progress in this area includes clear strategic statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Brexit means Brexit</li> <li>• UK wants free access to the European market</li> <li>• UK will not accept freedom of labour movement.</li> </ul>	
Appoint the SRO and programme board	None forecast		<p>Some key appointments have taken place</p> <p><b>Senior Responsible Owner</b> would appear to be David Davis, Minister for Brexit</p> <p>The Business Change Managers on the programme board are also now being appointed:            BCM, UK Economy Transformation: Mark Carney, Governor, Bank of England            BCM, International Trade - Liam Fox            BCM, Scottish Economy – Nicola Sturgeon            BCM, Northern Ireland Economy – Ariene Foster            BCM, Wales economy – Carwyn Jones</p>	



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			<p>BCM, International Relations: Boris Johnson          BCM, EU Economy - Michel Barnier</p> <p>No programme manager has emerged as yet, it is likely that this will be the civil servant that heads up the Brexit Department team</p>
Develop the programme brief	None forecast		<p>Work on this has begun apparently, but there is little detail that can be reported. The delay to trigger Article 50 has been justified by the need to develop a blueprint for the UK post Brexit, which will drive the design of the programme.</p> <p>At this point it is clear that there is limited understanding or detail about the desired outcomes or their benefits, however the risks are now becoming clearer.</p>
Develop the programme preparation plan	None forecast		<p>This is the plan for the next stage of the programme that will take the UK through to the point of Brexit, until there is some clarity around the programme brief little can be done, however, it will cover the period January 2017 to January 2019.</p>
Independent assurance	None forecast		<p>The role of independent integrated assurance of the strategy and delivery strategy has yet to be filled. Potential options are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Greenland – who left the EU in 1986</li> <li>Norway and Switzerland – who have trade deals but they fall short of UK objectives</li> <li>Canada – who have been negotiating for 7 years and will bring much current experience</li> </ul>
Decision to proceed	31 <sup>st</sup> December		<p>Ahead of schedule. Unusually, the decision to proceed with the programme has been taken without any business justification, one of the hazards of politicians being in charge of programmes.</p>