

Legal and Democratic Services Committee Meeting 23 January 2018

Appendix C

Brexit timetable: Key events

Early 2018	<p>The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill - previously referred to as the 'Great Repeal Bill' - completes its stages in Parliament and is passed.</p> <p>This transposes all EU derived law into UK law. Phase two is due to start in early 2018, and will look at issues such as security and nuclear programmes such as Euratom.</p>
Autumn 2018	<p>Date by which the EU's chief negotiator, Michel Barnier, wants to wrap up the terms of Britain's exit from the EU. He has indicated that he would like to have an exit deal agreed within 18 months of Article 50 being triggered, or by October 2018, in order to allow for time for voting by the European Parliament and EU Council.</p>
Late 2018	<p>Both Houses of Parliament have a 'deal or no deal' vote on the Brexit agreement: whether to accept a final Brexit deal or walk away from the agreement before it goes before the European Parliament.</p> <p>The European Parliament votes on the Brexit agreement by a simple majority.</p> <p>The EU Council concludes the withdrawal agreement by a super-qualified majority after receiving European Parliament consent.</p>
29 March 2019	<p>The UK is expected to leave the EU. 2 year negotiating window closes and UK ceases to be subject to EU treaties. 2 year transition period begins.</p> <p>or:</p> <p>period of negotiations can be extended if both sides agree.</p>
2019 - 2021	<p>Transition period. Trade talks continue. EU has announced that cut-off date for transition period will be 31 December 2020.</p>
2021	<p>Final ratification on trade talks</p>