

## EUROPEAN COMMISSION WORK PROGRAMME 2017

### Background

1. The Committee for the Executive Office is responsible for co-ordinating the annual report on priorities for EU scrutiny arising from the European Commission's Work Programme (ECWP). This also provides an opportunity for committees to report on EU scrutiny activity for the previous year.
2. The ECWP for 2017 was published in October 2016 and is available at <http://nia1.me/3kx>.
3. In line with the process established by the Committee for the Office of the First Minister and deputy First Minister, the Committee commissioned submissions from Assembly statutory committees on 17 November 2016. The Committee also sought the views of NI's MEPs, the Committee of the Regions, the European Economic and Social Committee and the Executive Office.
4. It was recognised that, in considering their priorities for EU scrutiny, committees and others would wish to take account of the fact that the UK has voted to leave the European Union.

### Committee Report

5. On 16 January 2017, the Secretary of State for Northern Ireland announced that the Assembly would be dissolved with effect from 26 January 2017. Regrettably, the Committee has therefore not been able to complete its report or lead an Assembly debate on these issues.
6. At its final meeting on 25 January 2017 the Committee noted the submissions and responses received to date. In the absence of a report, the Committee agreed to make the submissions available on its website.