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# RESILIENT FUTURES

Brexit and its impact on Councils

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## Brexit – some questions?

- A democratic triumph 23<sup>rd</sup> June 2016?
- Outcome of informed, balanced debate?
- The Union protected, not diminished?
- Confidence justified despite chaos?
- Domestic political agenda unaffected?

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## Brexit – where are we now?

- Safe to assume – ***its happening!***
- In 18 months - courtesy of a summer and an election
- All to play for – ***nothing*** agreed
- EU level appears ***political***, not economic
- Domestic, ***some signs*** of movement



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# *The European Union (Withdrawal) Bill*

- Aims to end the supremacy of EU law and UK law
- Converts EU law at the moment of exit into domestic law
- Enables UK law to reflect any Article 50 Agreement

The Bill is intended to achieve this – but implementation however, will be far from simple.

Essential for an orderly Brexit, the Bill raises profound constitutional concerns for the UK as a whole as well as for the Devolved Nations.

It will also have equally significant implications for the regulation of the UK commercial sector.

All sectors affected. UK businesses and service providers face new and costly propositions.

Among those that will be most affected are financial services, aerospace, pharmaceuticals, energy, transport and environmental services.

Local Government is subject to much EU inspired legislation and benefits from EU funding strategies.





## Brexit negotiating outcomes (simple)

- Everything
- Or nothing
- Or somewhere in between





# Potential impacts for local government

- Employment
- Funding
- Impacts via suppliers
- Uncertainty *pre* and *post*
- Regulatory changes
  - General impact
  - Procurement/Teckal



# Demonstrating resilience

- Jobs, skills growth, enterprise
- Enhance public infrastructure
- Efficient public services
- Community leadership and engagement

## Other impacts

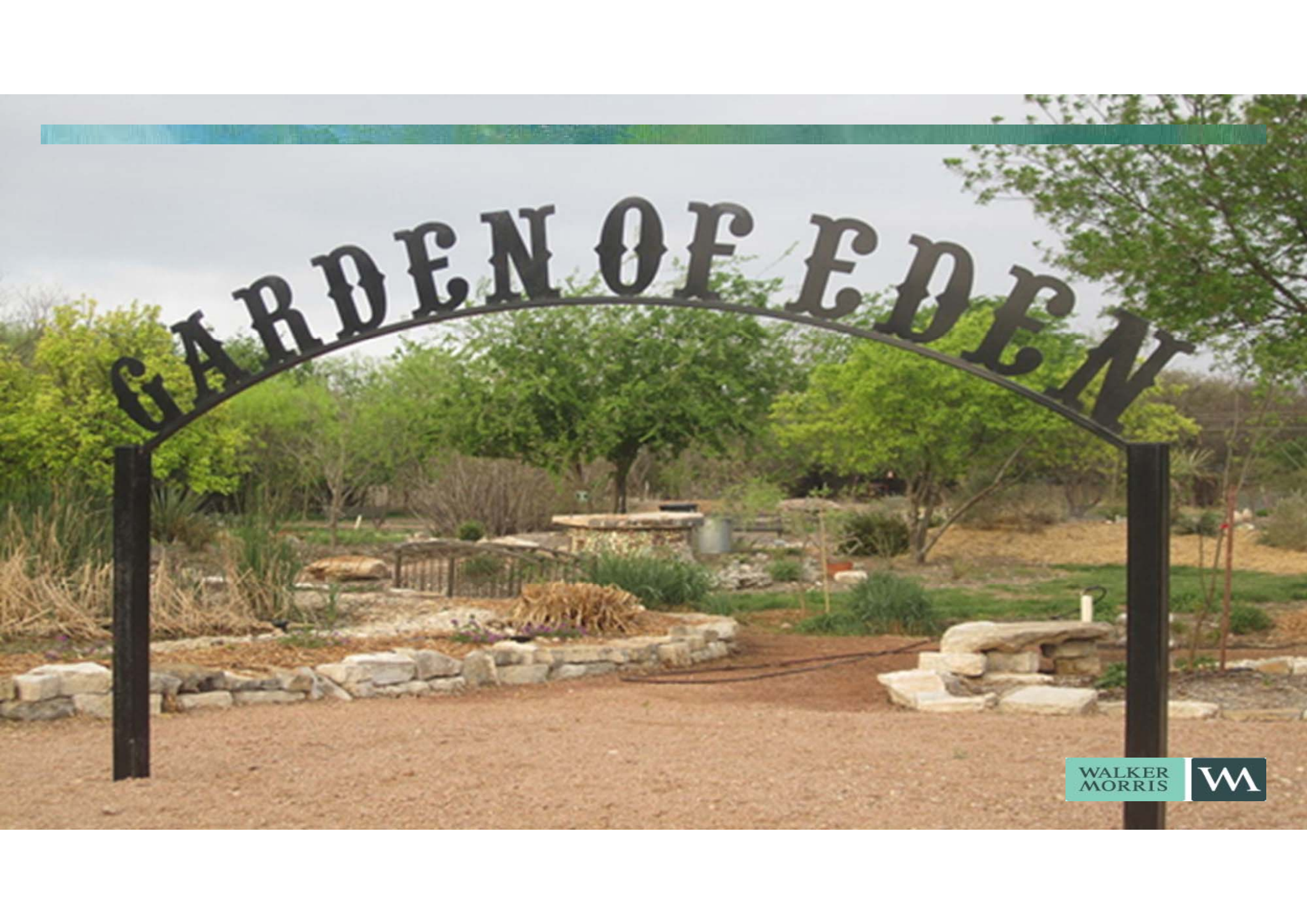
- Economic fortunes of GB & NI
- Higher direct and indirect taxes?
- Inflation/devaluation
- Burden on Government
- Employment/Investment migration





Anyone betting on the outcome?

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