

## **Browne Jacobson re-appointed onto legal panel of UK's leading consortium of public bodies**

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The firm, who are one of the original EMLS partners, will support the consortium and its members on the following areas: civil litigation, commercial, conveyancing, corporate governance, education, environmental, employment, housing, planning, procurement and property.

The new four year contract will commence on 1 April 2022 and replaces the existing panel arrangement.

EMLS launched in 2006 and is now the largest consortium of its kind in the UK with its membership extending across the full breath of the country. It is made up of over 230 members, including local authorities, fire & rescue services, housing organisations, universities and NHS trusts. The main purpose of the consortium is to procure high quality legal services at a discounted rate for its member organisations who are under increasing pressure to deliver efficiency savings.

**EM Lawshare coordinator Stuart Leslie** said: "On behalf of EM Lawshare, we are delighted to continue our relationship with Browne Jacobson. They have been an excellent panel partner over the years, helping our members navigate through the complex legal challenges that the ever-changing public sector landscape has posed.

"This appointment is a great reflection of the firm's wide ranging experience and knowledge of the public sector legal world".

**Peter Ware, head of the government sector at Browne Jacobson** added:

"Following a highly competitive tender process, it is fantastic to have a place on this prestigious, ambitious and innovative panel again which is a great endorsement of our position in the market as a go to firm for providing leading public sector organisations and bodies with high quality strategic legal advice.

"We have been panel members of EMLS since its inception 15 years ago, so we are thrilled to have the opportunity to further strengthen our relationships with existing panel members as well as establish new ones.

"We are looking forward to collaborating with EMLS and its members over the next four years and supporting them in achieving their key objectives by providing innovative legal solutions across a broad range of services in a timely and cost- effective way."

The firm's specialist public law solicitors work across all areas of the government sector, offering tailored advice to central government, local authorities, fire services, the social care sector, arm's length government bodies and the social housing sector. Its client list includes over 200 local authorities, 50 NHS bodies and 10 central government departments and bodies.

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