

Public matters - September 2020

This month includes The Internal Market Bill, A Plan for Jobs 2020, 'build back better' and procurement, VAT reform for 'section 41' organisations, local government reorganisation, independent review of administrative law, outsourcing and planning.

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Welcome to our Public Matters Newsletter.

This month we have:

[The Internal Market Bill – an overview](#)

The Bill was introduced in the House of Commons on 09 September 2020, attracting much debate and criticism. But what exactly is contained within the Bill?

We summarise its key elements and explain the controversy.

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[Government plans to rejuvenate the UK labour market](#)

The Government released the policy paper 'A Plan for Jobs 2020' in July which outlined the new measures and schemes that will be put in place to help retain, support and create jobs.

This article considers some of the Government's main proposals which are still to come.

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[Build back better and gender mainstreaming in public procurement](#)

In the course of dealing with Covid-19 many leaders have talked about 'build back better' and inclusivity should be at the heart of it.

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[On-demand webinar with Landmark Chambers: Dealing with net zero biodiversity and air quality issues in planning](#)

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[Out with 9 to 5, in with 24/7](#)

It's of rising concern that behaviours and environments needed to curtail the spread of COVID-19 are known risk factors for mental health difficulties. So what can you do to help yourself and your team?

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[VAT reform proposals for the public sector - government departments, NHS and some other public bodies](#)

The Treasury is looking to simplify and extend VAT recovery for 'section 41' organisations.

The consultation remains open until 18 November 2020, and this article summarises the key points.

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Local government reorganisation: between a rock and a hard place or the biggest opportunity in a lifetime?

Organisational change or restructure is inevitable, the biggest challenge this decade will be getting it right.

Here are a few thoughts on what council's in both tiers could be starting to plan for.

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Government launches independent review of administrative law led by Lord Edward Faulks QC

We have been invited to submit evidence to assist the panel in considering options for reform of judicial review principles and procedures.

If you would like to contribute to the development of our response then please share your thoughts and experiences with us.

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Considering whether to insource or outsource services

This article summarises the key elements of the Institute for Government's report, which discusses when public services should be brought back in-house, and how these should be brought back in, or whether outsourcing is the correct option.

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Section 73 – the end of deeds of variation?

The High Court case of Norfolk Homes Ltd v North Norfolk DC is a useful reminder of the importance of ensuring that when granting a section 73 application, previous section 106 agreements are not forgotten.

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