

# Decision making in the age of austerity and political uncertainty

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With public bodies required to make decisions in an uncertain political climate and against the backdrop of ongoing austerity measures, we outline a range of cases that look at some of the legal challenges concerning consultation, equality duties and freedom of information requests.

We look at a wide range of case studies including a bakery in Northern Ireland who were challenged under the Equality Act for being discriminatory and a request for the release of the Brexit impact studies. Watch the full highlights video to hear more about the outcome of the court's decision.

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