

Public matters - June 2019

This month includes procurement, net-zero emissions, judicial review, fixed recoverable costs, construction contracts, austerity and political uncertainty, the UK companies register, and the Modern Slavery Act.

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Welcome to our Public Matters Newsletter.

This month we have:

[Case update: abandoning a public procurement process](#)

Nat Avdiu summarises the High Court case of Amey Highways Ltd v West Sussex County Council, and looks at the implications for contracting authorities.

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[Legally binding target for net-zero emissions by 2050](#)

Lynette Wieland looks at the impact of the 'Net Zero, The UK's contribution to stopping global warming' report on public bodies, which was published by the government's advisory Committee on Climate Change last month.

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[Laura Hughes and Tim Edds take a look into judicial review](#)

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[Extending the scope of fixed recoverable costs: Ministry of Justice consultation](#)

Mia Plume highlights the recommendations made by Jackson; provides an overview of the government's proposals under the consultation; and provides an insight of how it applies to the public sector.

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[It's about time: the court gives guidance on time bars in construction contracts](#)

Many of our public sector clients regularly undertake building works using NEC3 and NEC contracts. Martin Cannon reviews the recent case of Sitol UK Ltd v Finegold and another [2018], and its impact on the public sector.

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[Decision making in the age of austerity and political uncertainty.](#)

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The biggest change to the UK companies register since 1844?

Emma Grant explores whether the proposed reforms live up to their headlines of being *“the biggest changes to the UK system for setting up and operating companies since the UK company register was created in 1844”*.

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Final Report on review of the Modern Slavery Act 2015 laid in Parliament

Emma Grant looks at the current status of the Modern Slavery Act 2015, and what we can expect to happen next.

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