

Covid-19 for local authorities

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A number of key members of the team provide an update on current issues arising in relation to the pandemic and its effect on local authorities.

Procurement and commercial

Anja Beriro discusses: impact on current or pipeline tenders, using Regulation 32 for urgent contracts and using Regulation 72 to vary or extend current contracts to fill gaps caused by pausing a tender. On a commercial level she looks at PPN 02/2020 how to deal with 'at risk' suppliers while protecting the local authority's interest and how to plan for longer term impact of losing suppliers.

Social care

Cynthia Watts covers hospital discharge arrangements under the coronavirus guidance, care obligations under the Act and safeguarding and risk considerations.

Property

Thomas Howard looks at how landlords should respond to commercial tenants in difficulty before considering the legal position where development and construction projects are delayed by Covid-19.

Constitutional

Richard Barlow covers virtual meetings for local authorities including Section 78 Coronavirus Act 2020, The Local Authorities and Police and Crime Panels (Coronavirus) (Flexibility of Local Authority and Police and Crime Panel Meetings) (England and Wales) Regulations 2020 and what can be done without new legislation? The execution of documents including: Contract or Deed and formalities and execution, the appointment of attorneys, Digital Execution and Constitution Revisions. We also briefly talk about education appeals.

Regulatory and Enforcement

Andrew Hopkin discusses premises closures and restrictions under the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) Regulations. In particular looking at local authority powers, proportionate enforcement, safety of staff and practical steps to take in relation to the new regulations. He also discusses how to manage your existing and future enforcement cases looking at how the courts are dealing with matters, priorities, government guidance and practical advice for the EHOs.

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