

## Public matters - December 2023

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### COP28 – key outcomes agreed and what they mean for you

Listen to our legal experts share their reactions to the discussions held at COP28, covering topics of renewables and building development, nature and government and green sustainable finance and how the decisions made could impact both public and private sectors.

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### Subsidy control – lessons learned in the first year

Public authorities have been tackling the steep learning curve since a new regime controlling subsidies was brought in under the Subsidy Control Act 2022.

Having supported all tiers of government on compliance with the new regime we have set out some key learning points for local authorities which have arisen in the last few months.

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### Procurement Act: The even lighter touch regime

When the Government first introduced its proposals for the reform of the procurement regime it made it clear that a separate Light Touch regime would not continue. However response to the Green Paper convinced the Government to retain an improved Light Touch regime.

In this article we aim to unravel the 'new' Light Touch regime, where it applies and what it means for contracting authorities.

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### Government foreshadows significant savings for public bodies as part of data protection overhaul

This article provides an update on the Data Protection and Digital Information Bill, which will amend the UK's retained version of the EU General Data Protection Regulation and Data Protection Act 2018.

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### The Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

We provide a summary of some of the new ideas included in the Levelling up and Regeneration Act 2023 that may come forward at a later date, and possible next steps we can expect to see.

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## Biodiversity Net Gain (BNG): Are we ready for it?

Further to our recent article Countdown to Biodiversity Net Gain the long await secondary legislation and Government guidance has now been published.

So, what do we know and how can we prepare for BNG becoming mandatory in January 2024?

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## O Shaped – An in-house apprenticeship community

Browne Jacobson are proud partners of O Shaped, a movement which is dedicated to making the legal profession better for those who are in it, those who use it and those who are entering it.

In the New Year O Shaped is launching a monthly webinar focussing on the topics that matter most to in-house apprentices, trainees and paralegals. The first preliminary virtual meeting will be taking place in January, providing an opportunity to exchange thoughts about what matters to you most and share ideas about what the monthly sessions should cover and how they should be structured. If you are interested in attending or would like further information, please contact [emma@oshaped.com](mailto:emma@oshaped.com)

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