


Public matters - February 2020

This month includes public procurement, planning, the Clean Air Bill, rent regulation, and in loco parentis in schools.

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Welcome to our Public Matters Newsletter.

This month we have:

[Advocate General opinion broadens scope of the public - public procurement exemption](#)

Karl Edwards reviews the implications for contracting authorities in the Informatikgesellschaft für Software-Entwicklung (ISE) mbH v Stadt Köln judgment, which appears to widen the scenarios in which contracting authorities can look to rely on the exemption contained with Regulation 12(7) of the Public Contract Regulations 2015 (PCR).

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[Social value in procurement](#)

In the context of decreasing public funds, Tara Cole provides an update on the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012, and its aim to maximise the positive outcomes of the procured services beyond the financial costs of a contract.

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[Local planning authorities to extend the time period for determining prior approval applications](#)

Victoria Searle summarises the judgment in *Gluck v Secretary of State for Housing Communities and Local Government* [2020] EWHC 161 Admin, which overturns the precedent previously established in *R (Warren Farm (Wokingham) Limited) v Wokingham Borough Council*.

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[Clean Air Bill – what is its impact and will it ever become law?](#)

Publicity surrounding clean air could be influential in shaping future government policy. Ben Standing takes a look at the *The Clean Air (Human Rights) Bill* [HL] 2019-2020, which had its first reading in the House of Commons on 3 January 2020.

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[Rent regulation for all](#)

Originally published in ALARM's member journal, Victoria Curran reviews the new Rent Standard and potential impact for social housing providers.

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[Should heading the ball be banned in football lessons?](#)

Victoria Curran looks at the duty of a school to its pupils, potential risk and foreseeability of an injury.

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