

## Public matters - December 2019

This month includes the election result impact on local government, devolution, village green registrations, legal privilege and Poole Borough Council v GN.

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With the Conservatives in power (presumably for a full, five year term), Peter Ware looks at what this might mean for the future of local government?

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Public bodies are continuing to seek creative ways of improving efficiency and finding savings for the public purse. Rebecca Hawes considers whether additional devolution powers could further aid efficiency and public spending.

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Natasha Stay looks at the Chancellor's announcement of plans to publish a devolution white paper.

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Ben Collins reviews two recent appeals relating to decisions to register land held by public authorities as village green land under the Commons Act 2006, and their controversial consequences.

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### [Privilege under attack – the Law Society fights back](#)

Emma Marshall looks at the background behind the Law Society's practice note on legal privilege, and considerations for in-house lawyers.

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### [Poole Borough Council v GN \[2019\] UKSC 25 – what does this mean for my organisation?](#)

Six months on from the Supreme Court decision in the Poole Borough Council v GN case this webinar recording looks at emerging behaviours in response to this key decision, and its impact on agencies involved in child protection, including health, police, social care and education.

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