

Public matters - November 2020

This month includes updates on conservation, judicial review, re-organisation, procurement and social value.

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Welcome to our Public Matters Newsletter.

This month we have:

[Conservation newsletter - November 2020](#)

Ben Standing provides an update on the latest in conservation law, including legislation and case law.

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[Robust decision-making - how to reduce the scope for an irrationality challenge](#)

Matthew Alderton looks at how public bodies must understand the scope of 'irrational' or 'unreasonable' challenges so that proactive steps can be taken to reduce the likelihood of successful judicial intervention.

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[What does re-organisation mean within a local authority?](#)

Anja Beriro shares some of the matters we've been discussing with clients and in our team to help you move decisions on more quickly.

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[Does judicial review strike the right balance between enabling citizens to challenge the lawfulness of government action and allowing public bodies to carry on the business of effective government?](#)

Victoria Searle summarises the key points in our response to the Government's Independent Review of Administrative Law and next steps.

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[Procurement Policy Note 07/20: key changes and considerations for contracting authorities](#)

Sam Trevorow explains when PPN 07/20 will apply and what action contracting authorities need to take when it does.

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[Considering social value in the award of central government contracts](#)

Athina Agrafioti considers the current social value requirement under the Public Services (Social Value) Act 2012 and the new social value measures the government launched in September this year.

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[Read our guide to local government re-organisation](#)

This guide provides information and guidance for local authorities considering a move to a unitary form of local government in their area.

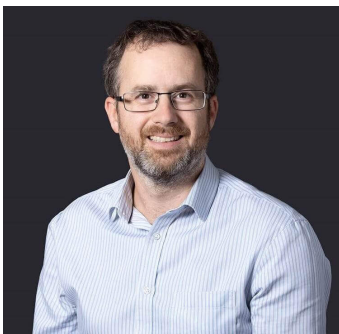
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[In conversation with John Simons](#)

This month we speak to John Simons, Head of Procurement & Audit at Scape. John shares a bit about himself and his sector insights.

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