



# YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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## LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

### NWLC ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT 2015 – NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

We are delighted to announce that this year's event will be held at the **Langtree Stadium in St Helens on Tuesday 6th October 2015**.

You can now book your place by visiting the courses page on the website at [www.nwlegalconsortium.com](http://www.nwlegalconsortium.com)

We'll be publishing further details in the weeks ahead to build an event that we hope will have something for everyone.

Watch out for more details of our plans for the 2015 event in future E-Bulletins.

**Your Solicitors Framework** ends at the end of March 2016.

Consultation with our current partner firms has been completed so now it's the turn of all our member organisations to have their say about how we should proceed.

All Heads of Service will be receiving a note of the Management Board's recommendations for the proposed future plans and the Board look forward to hearing your comments and suggestions before a final decision is made.

The outcome will be reported to all through a future Bulletin in the summer.

**Also** as reported last month ahead of the new arrangements we are looking to renew the Collaboration Agreement between Sefton (as lead organisation) and the other member organisations. We'll be communicating with all heads of service about this too.

### **New Joiners**

The Consortium is very pleased to welcome Copeland Borough Council as a new member organisation.

This takes our membership number to 43 public organisations.

### REMINDERS

**Don't forget to let us know when you have new colleagues joining your organisation (and leaving too of course)**

All you need to do is drop a quick e-mail to [bh\\_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com](mailto:bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com) or [briangibson2@msn.com](mailto:briangibson2@msn.com) with the detail of the staff changes and we'll take it from there!

**Free Consortium healthchecks** are available to member authorities to spread the word about the benefits of membership of the Consortium, explain how the website can be used and basically do a bit of a healthcheck as to what each authority uses the Consortium for etc and how best we can assist.



### **Annual Free Training Programme – Whats on this month?**

The FREE CPD sessions from our Annual Training Programme provided by our Partner firms in the coming weeks are:

**29th April DLA Piper are presenting a Construction Update at their Liverpool Office**

**And on 13th May Weightmans are presenting a Children Law Update also in Liverpool**

For full details and to make bookings for yourself a colleague or client go to the website at [www.nwlegalconsortium.com](http://www.nwlegalconsortium.com) - courses page.

**And of course**—see the website for details of lots more FREE training on offer through the Consortium for 2015.

### **NEW ROLES UP FOR GRABS?**

This month Cheshire East Council is looking for a Legal Team Manager (Corporate and Regulatory) with a closing date of 1st May.

For full details **see the Jobs page** on the website.

Does your authority want to advertise your vacancies on the website for free? If so contact Beryl Heath on [bh\\_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com](mailto:bh_nwlconsortium@btinternet.com)

### **YOU CAN NOW FOLLOW US ON TWITTER**



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## THE GREAT MANCHESTER RUN – SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015

The Great Manchester Run is Europe's biggest 10K running event and has seen more than a quarter of a million enthusiastic runners take to the streets of Manchester since it was established in 2003, it's broadcast live on BBC and has raised over £22 million for charities.

Please contact [linda.desa@nwaa.net](mailto:linda.desa@nwaa.net) for details of how to register for a place. All we ask is that you raise a minimum of £150 in sponsorship.

To assist with your fundraising we will arrange to send out a sponsor pack which will include your sponsor forms, hints and tips on smashing your target and one of our North West Air Ambulance t-shirts to wear with pride on the day!

## TEST YOUR GENERAL KNOWLEDGE

Berrys Chartered Surveyors & Valuers will be hosting a quiz in aid of the North West Air Ambulance Charity on Tuesday 16 June 2015, at Eaton Park in Chester (by kind permission of their Graces the Duke and Duchess of Westminster). There will also be a guest appearance from Mike Melody, (Dickensons Real Deal). For further information or to enter a team please contact [gillian.edwards@nwaa.net](mailto:gillian.edwards@nwaa.net)

## HELPING HANDS

National volunteering week takes place from 1 – 7 June 2015 so if you have any ideas of something that you might like to do to help the North West Air Ambulance Charity – from cake bakes to coming into the Head Office in Knowsley to count money, we would love to assist - please contact [gillian.edwards@nwaa.net](mailto:gillian.edwards@nwaa.net)



## NWLC NOMINATED CHARITY OF THE YEAR

Please support the North West Air Ambulance Charity

For the Charity's latest events go to:

[nwaa.net](http://nwaa.net)

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To help support our charity on our mission to continually advance our medical care, enhance our coverage of the region and to make a life-changing difference, please visit [www.nwaa.net](http://www.nwaa.net) or contact [fundraising@nwaa.net](mailto:fundraising@nwaa.net) or 0151 547 7830. There are many ways to help – donate, volunteer your time or fundraise on our behalf at one of our many exciting events.

Find us on social media for updates on our latest missions, stories about our incredible ex-patients and supporters and for more information on our upcoming fundraising events. Simply follow us on Twitter @NWAirAmbulance or Facebook – [www.facebook.com/NWAAC](http://www.facebook.com/NWAAC)





# NWLC MONTHLY LEGAL UPDATER

## POWERED BY THOMSON REUTERS

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This is a selection of legal updates for NWLC powered by Westlaw UK and Practical Law. To read more on these topics, go to [westlaw.co.uk](http://westlaw.co.uk) or [uk.practicallaw.com](http://uk.practicallaw.com)



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### CASES:

#### **CIVIL PROCEDURE. *Local government; Environment; Planning.***

#### **Costs capping orders; Environmental protection; Local authorities; Protective costs orders.**

**R. (on the application of HS2 Action Alliance Ltd) v Secretary of State for Transport. [2015] EWCA Civ 203. Court of Appeal (Civil Division) (CA (Civ Div)). Longmore, L.J.; Lewison, L.J.; Sullivan, L.J.. March 11, 2015**

Where a local authority was a claimant in an Aarhus Convention claim concerning environmental decisions, it was entitled to the costs protection conferred by CPR r.45.41.

Cross-appeal dismissed

### HOUSING / HUMAN RIGHTS

**R. (on the application of Mahoney) v Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government. [2015] EWHC 589 (Admin). Queen's Bench Division (Administrative Court) (QBD (Admin)). Lindblom, J.. March 09, 2015**

Where a travellers' site was subject to compulsory purchase and a suitable alternative site had been found, the denial of a home loss payment under the Land Compensation Act 1973 s.33(2) did not fall within the ambit of ECHR art.8; nor were the travellers in an analogous position to those who lived in dwelling-houses for the purposes of assessing whether there had been a difference in treatment prohibited by art.14. Moreover, any difference in treatment arising from s.33(2) was within the wide margin of appreciation afforded to Parliament in matters of economic or social policy and was therefore objectively and reasonably justified.

Applications refused





## LEGISLATION:

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT

#### **Local Government (Review of Decisions) Bill 2014 (HC Bill No.21).**

A Bill to make provision about the procedure for conducting investigations under the Local Government Act 1974 Pt 3; and to make provision for cases where an authority to which that Part applies takes a decision that affects the holding of an event for a reason relating to health or safety.

Website: [services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/localgovernmentreviewofdecisions/documents.html](http://services.parliament.uk/bills/2014-15/localgovernmentreviewofdecisions/documents.html)  
[Accessed July 3, 2014]

### CRIMINAL PROCEDURE / HOUSING

#### **The Anti-social Behaviour (Authorised Persons) Order 2015. SI 2015/749**

This Order makes provision for a local authority to authorise a housing provider, as defined by the Anti-social Behaviour, Crime and Policing 2014 Act s.20, to issue community protection notices and fixed penalty notices.

Website: [www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/749/pdfs/uksi\\_20150749\\_en.pdf](http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2015/749/pdfs/uksi_20150749_en.pdf) [Accessed March 18, 2015]

## GOVERNMENT AND REGULATIONS:

### LANDLORD AND TENANT

#### **Ending the tenant tax to help tackle rogue landlords. By Department for Communities and Local Government. March 12, 2015**

The Housing Minister has published rules that will enable councils to licence landlords in neighbourhoods blighted by poor quality accommodation, deprivation and high levels of crime. The proposals mean councils would have more freedom to introduce licensing in specific neighbourhoods within their boundaries, helping to ensure that only rogue operators, who make up a small minority of landlords, are affected.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/news/ending-the-tenant-tax-to-help-tackle-rogue-landlords](http://www.gov.uk/government/news/ending-the-tenant-tax-to-help-tackle-rogue-landlords)  
[Accessed March 13, 2015]

### PUBLIC PROCUREMENT

#### **Public Contracts Regulations 2015: new requirements relating to pre qualification questionnaires to help businesses access public sector contracts. By Crown Commercial Service. February 27, 2015**

In light of the Public Contracts Regulations 2015, which came into force on February 26, 2015, and new requirements in relation to the use of pre-qualification questionnaires (PQQ), Crown Commercial Service guidance for contracting authorities sets out information on PQQs requirements to help businesses bid for public contracts.

Website: [www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment\\_data/file/408139/PQQ\\_guidance.pdf](http://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/408139/PQQ_guidance.pdf)  
[Accessed March 2, 2015]

Legislation referred: Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (SI 2015/102)





## NEWS:

### LOCAL GOVERNMENT / HOUSING

**Government launches Right to Buy programme for council house tenants. Times, February 21, 2015, 16.**  
By Jill Sherman.

The Department for Communities and Local Government has launched a scheme under which council house tenants will be given a cash sum of up to GBP 30,000 to move out and buy a home on the open market. The scheme builds on the Government's Right to Buy programme which allows people to buy their council homes.

#### Public procurement legislation and policy review: December 2014 to February 2015

Website: [publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/public-procurement-legislation-and-policy-review-december-2014-to-february-2015](http://publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/public-procurement-legislation-and-policy-review-december-2014-to-february-2015)

#### Public procurement case digest (February 2015)

February's case digest includes two High Court cases considering the lifting of automatic suspensions on contract awards for services.

Website: [publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/public-procurement-case-digest-february-2015](http://publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/public-procurement-case-digest-february-2015)

#### Housing law quarterly digest (December 2014 – February 2015)

Housing law quarterly digest (December Our quarterly housing law update blogs enable readers specialising in housing law to catch up on the most important cases, issues or developments. The post looks at housing law developments from December 2014 to February 2015.014 – February 2015)

Website: [publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/housing-quarterly-digest-december-2014-february-2015](http://publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/housing-quarterly-digest-december-2014-february-2015)

#### Freedom of information law quarterly digest (January – March 2015)

Our quarterly freedom of information law update blogs focus on the latest developments in freedom of information law under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 (FOIA) and the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (SI 2004/3391) (EIR). The blog will enable readers advising on freedom of information law to catch up on the most important cases, issues or developments on the topic. This post looks at freedom of information law developments from January to March 2015.

Website: [publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/freedom-of-information-law-quarterly-digest-january-march-2015](http://publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/freedom-of-information-law-quarterly-digest-january-march-2015)

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