



YOUR MONTHLY E-BULLETIN

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LATEST CONSORTIUM NEWS

NWLC ANNUAL TRAINING SURVEY – COMING SOON

We will be launching our annual training survey around the middle of May to see what you think about the programme we offer through our partner firms. We hope to gather your views about how the Consortium training is delivered, where it is delivered and your suggestions and preferences for future training topics.

The survey will inform the design of the 2015/2016 programme which will run from September to June 2016 so watch out for the e-mail inviting your views and we'd love to hear from you!

NWLC ANNUAL TRAINING EVENT 2015 – NOW OPEN FOR BOOKINGS!

As you know 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

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

REMINDERS

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.

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 or 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:

On 13th May Weightmans are presenting a Children Law Update in Liverpool

10th June sees DLA Piper providing Landlord And Tenant also in Liverpool

and then to round off the year's programme

On 24th June DAC Beachcroft are presenting Commercial Property Powers and Development in Manchester

For full details and to make bookings for yourself a colleague or client go to the website at www.nwlegalconsortium.com – courses page.

A NEW CONSORTIUM OFFER

LEADING LEGAL CASE MANAGEMENT SOFTWARE SUPPLIER NORWEL OFFERS DISCOUNTED PRICING FOR NWLC MEMBERS

We are pleased to announce that North West based legal case management supplier Norwel is now offering discounted rates to members of the Consortium and additionally has developed an alternative and innovative 'pay monthly' pricing model for Consortium members.

Established in 1972, Norwel Computer Services Ltd continues to be recognised as a key supplier of superior legal case management systems to Local Authority legal departments.

Norwel has a wealth of expertise in delivering legal case management solutions to other organisations in the region, including; **Manchester City Council, Lancashire County Council, Stockport Council** and many more nationwide. Other Public Sector clients include Government departments such as the **Ministry of Justice**, the **Central Legal Office of the NHS Scotland**, and organisations such as the **European Bank for Reconstruction and Development**.

Further information on Norwel's products, services, news, and case studies can be found at www.norwel.co.uk

As part of its ongoing commitment to the North West region, Norwel is offering Consortium members the choice of either; a 10% discount on software licensing or alternatively an innovative 'pay-monthly' pricing structure which is unique and exclusive to Consortium members.

For more information and an illustration of the costs use this link:

www.norwel.co.uk/north-west-legal-consortium-member-benefits.html

If you would like to discuss the offer in more detail, please do not hesitate to contact Norwel directly on telephone number 0161 492 1600 or alternatively e-mail steve.skinner@norwel.co.uk or andy.woods@norwel.co.uk



A Jewel in the Crown? Merseytravel

This month we are showcasing the very special offer from MerseyFerries courtesy of our member Merseytravel-see whats on offer on the Mersey!

www.merseyferries.co.uk/boat-hire/Documents/MFCharterhire.pdf
(also available at the end of the newsletter)

If your organisation has something to show off which marks you out why not let us know about it?

NEW ROLES UP FOR GRABS?

This month Cumbria County Council have 5 new roles on offer with closing dates of 8th May; West Lancashire District Council are looking for an Assistant Solicitor –closing date 10th May; and Merseytravel have a vacancy for a Commercial Lawyer with a closing date of 11th 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

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THE MANCHESTER AIR SHOW, CITY AIRPORT, BARTON, SUNDAY 5TH JULY

Support the North West Air Ambulance Charity and enjoy a fantastic Airshow.

On Sunday 5th July, City Airport Barton will be hosting a fantastic Airshow and family fun day. The North West Air Ambulance Charity is delighted to be the chosen charity for the event. Building on the success of last year, this year's event promises to be even bigger and better. Team NWAA will be in force there with a display stall and lots going on all about the charity. In addition there will be lots of children's entertainment and fantastic aerial displays and fly-bys. The Manchester Airshow will feature over Flying Display Acts to create a two part Flying Display between 12pm-4pm including a Lancaster, Hurricane and Spitfire – Royal Air Force Battle of Britain Memorial Flight and exciting aerial acrobatics from The RV8tors. Tickets are now available so grab yours now! For further information and to buy tickets visit manchesterairshow.co.uk

THE GREAT MANCHESTER RUN – SUNDAY 10 MAY 2015

It's not too late to join team NWAA for The Great Manchester Run. This 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 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!

If you would like further information about the North West Air Ambulance Charity please contact 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

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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 or contact 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





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 or 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
[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 [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
[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
[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 case digest (March 2015)

March's case digest includes an ECJ preliminary ruling on the effect of bias on the award of a public contract and the right to bring a challenge out of time, and a General Court decision annulling certain tender decisions taken by the European Aviation Safety Agency.

Website: publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/public-procurement-case-digest-march-2015

Education law quarterly digest (November 2014 – March 2015)

In this post, we look at:

- Recent decisions
- Legislative developments in both England and Wales
- Government guidance

Website: publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/education-law-quarterly-digest-november-2014-march-2015

Local government quarterly digest (February – April 2015)

In this post we look at:

- Cases of interest to local authorities
- Various legislative and other developments of interest to local authority lawyers

Website: publicsectorblog.practicallaw.com/local-government-quarterly-digest-february-april-2015

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One of the most recognisable SIGHTS OF LIVERPOOL is the much-loved Mersey Ferry

Steeped in history and heritage and oozing charm and character, the ferry provides the ideal setting for your special event. From the decks of the ferry, you'll have the best view of Liverpool's stunning and iconic UNESCO heritage waterfront – one of the world's most famous riversides.



Our Mersey Ferries provide the perfect setting to make your event truly memorable. In 2015, one of our vessels the 'Snowdrop' also becomes a 'Dazzle Ship' designed by the world-famous artist Sir Peter Blake. This forms part of the WWI commemorations when the dazzling of ships was first introduced.



ANDY BALL BBC RADIO MERSEYSIDE

Charities supported by BBC Radio Merseyside have chartered ferries on many occasions. They generally sell out quickly and guarantee a good return for the organisation and take very little effort.

Passengers enjoy the events and are generous in the amount they contribute to the charity while on board.

The team at Mersey Ferries make it really easy to choose which itinerary would be best and on the day they always go the extra distance to ensure everyone has a wonderful time!



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As part of your event – whether it's a corporate function, charity fundraiser, a family celebration or product launch, we offer excellent buffet-style catering on board. Our experienced catering team can provide menus to suit a variety of tastes and budgets, from delicious finger and fork buffet options to a choice of hot and cold dishes.

We have a well-stocked, fully licensed bar aboard with a variety of drinks and alcohol which can be tailored specifically to suit your requirements.

If you're looking for a live band, DJ or some ideas on how to entertain your guests, our team are on hand to help. Or alternatively you're free to organise your own entertainment if you have something specific in mind.



JAY GASKELL M D INSURANCE SERVICES BIRKENHEAD

We chose Mersey Ferries for our Company Team Day, and I would highly recommend this experience to other organised parties.

The ferry staff were a pleasure to deal with – ensuring that everything ran efficiently during the lead up and on the day itself.

The view of Liverpool from the river as the sun was setting was breath-taking, and once the sun had gone down we all had the chance to dance the night away on-board! Mersey Ferries organised delicious hot food, a DJ and a staffed bar – all of which led to brilliant experience for all our staff!

A woman with blonde hair, wearing a black leather jacket over a dark top, is performing on a stage. She is holding a yellow acoustic guitar and singing into a microphone. Behind her, another person is partially visible, wearing a colorful patterned dress and holding a stringed instrument. The stage is decorated with large red and pink flowers. In the background, an audience of several people is seated, watching the performance. The setting appears to be an indoor event space with large windows.

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To find out more about hosting your event aboard the Mersey Ferries call our dedicated team on **0151 330 1453** or email **boathire@merseyferries.co.uk**

You can also read more on our website **merseyferries.co.uk**



FRANK BRERETON CHAIRMAN RNLI NEW BRIGHTON LIFEBOAT STATION

150th Anniversary Celebration Cruise

What a superb day, celebrating the occasion aboard one of our famous ferries!

The mighty ever changing River Mersey and docklands, full of interest and history, to view from such a refreshing and organised grandstand.

Enjoyed by all our supporters, our thanks for a fundraising success go to the wonderful support of Mersey Ferries staff.

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