

Report – City Remembrancer

Measures introduced into Parliament which may have an effect on the services provided by the City Corporation

To be presented on Thursday, 8th December 2016

*To the Right Honourable The Lord Mayor, Aldermen and Commons
of the City of London in Common Council assembled.*

Bills

Criminal Finances Bill

The Bill proposes new measures to tackle money-laundering, terrorist finance and proceeds of crime, including provisions which shift the burden onto suspected wrongdoers to prove the source of their wealth. It also creates a new corporate offence of failure to prevent tax evasion.

National Citizen Service Bill

The Bill puts the National Citizen Service, the young persons' volunteering scheme established under David Cameron, on a statutory footing. The Honorable The Irish Society supports the work of the Service in Coleraine.

Technical and Further Education Bill

Among other things, the Bill extends the remit of the Institute for Apprenticeships (legislation for which was passed last year) to cover all post-16 technical education, including the setting of 'employer-led' standards.

Statutory Instruments

Date in force

The Self-build and Custom Housebuilding Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 950

31 October 2016

The Regulations set out detailed requirements for the register which local planning authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) are required to keep of those wishing to acquire land for self-built or custom-built housing in their areas. In particular, they allow local authorities to set eligibility requirements on the grounds of local connection or financial resources. They also set out the circumstances in which an exemption from the requirement to meet demand for such housing may be sought.

The Allocation of Housing and Homelessness (Eligibility) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 965

30 October 2016

The Regulations bring persons permitted to enter or remain in the UK on human rights grounds within the classes of person eligible to receive housing assistance from local housing authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity).

The Income-related Benefits (Subsidy to Authorities) Amendment Order 2016, S.I. No. 986

18 November 2016

The Order determines the level of subsidy payable to individual local authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) with respect to housing benefit paid in the year 2015–16.

Self-build and Custom Housebuilding (Time for Compliance and Fees) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 1037

31 October 2016

The Regulations specify a three-year period in which local planning authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) must give sufficient planning permissions to meet local demand for self-built and custom-built housing, as demonstrated on local registers. They also allow authorities to charge fees to cover the costs of operating the registers to those entered on it.

The Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Order 2016, S.I. No. 1040

24 November 2016

The Order extends permitted development rights (which bypass the need for local planning permission) for electronic communications infrastructure, including an increase in the maximum height of masts on most land from 15 to 25 metres.

The Electrical Equipment (Safety) Regulations 2016, S.I. No. 1101

8 December 2016

The Regulations implement new European rules about the safety of electrical equipment. In the case of equipment intended for personal use, local weights and measures authorities (including the Common Council acting in that capacity) will be responsible for enforcement.

(The text of the measures and the explanatory notes may be obtained from the Remembrancer's office.)