

## Report – City Remembrancer

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

*To be presented on 13<sup>th</sup> January 2022*

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

#### **Statutory Instruments**

#### **Date in force**

#### **The Coroners (Inquests) (Amendment) Rules 2021 No. 1379**

12th January 2022

This statutory instrument amends the standard form for recording an inquest into a death under the Coroners and Justice Act 2009. The amendment reflects a recent decision of the Supreme Court, which confirmed that the civil rather than criminal standard of proof is required for the short form conclusions of “unlawful killing” and “suicide”. This affects the services of the City of London Coroner’s Court and the work of the Senior Coroner and two Assistant Coroners, who are appointed by the Corporation to investigate reported deaths within the Square Mile.

#### **The National Security and Investment Act 2021 (Commencement No. 2 and Transitional and Saving Provision) Regulations 2021 No. 1465**

4th January 2022

These Regulations bring into force all provisions of the National Security and Investment Act 2021 that are not already in force. The Act provides for persons to notify the Secretary of State about acquisitions that constitute ‘trigger events’ (i.e. that might raise national security concerns) and to apply for retrospective validation of a notifiable acquisition. The Regulations also make transitional and saving provision.

#### **The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 1340**

30th November  
2021

These Regulations list places where members of the public are required to wear face coverings, other than in certain limited cases. They also require businesses in places where wearing a face covering is required to display notices giving information about that requirement, and prohibit persons carrying on business in specified locations from preventing anyone from wearing a face covering, except in limited circumstances. The effects of these Regulations were due to cease on 20th December 2021 but the application of the provisions has been extended by subsequent Regulations, as detailed below.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Wearing of Face Coverings) (England) (Amendment) Regulations 2021 No. 1400**

10th December  
2021

These Regulations amend the Coronavirus Regulations concerning face coverings. They add to the list of places where face coverings must be worn, provide for gatherings where face coverings need not be worn and clarify which persons are potentially liable to prosecution for an offence in relation to contraventions of the Regulations. They extend the period during which the above Regulations are in force until 26th January 2022.

**The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (Entry to Venues and Events) (England) Regulations 2021 No. 1416**

14th December  
2021

These Regulations impose obligations on those responsible for organising certain events, or managing venues including indoor music venues, exhibition halls, conference centres and other public halls, on occasions when such venues are attended by at least 500 people. In calculating the number of attendees, no account is taken of people who have assigned seats or who are providing services at the event. Organisers must take reasonable measures to ensure that they do not admit any person to such events unless the person has been fully vaccinated or has tested negative for coronavirus within the last 48 hours. Exceptions exist, for example for those under 18 years of age and those who should not be vaccinated for clinical reasons. Further exceptions apply to certain people attending the venue or event as part of their official duties, including diplomats, officers of an international organisation, and local authority officers. The restrictions are due to expire on 26th January 2022.

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