

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 8th December 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 Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act 2022 (Extraction of Information: Code of Practice) Regulations 2022 No. 1054

8th November
2022

These Regulations bring into force a code of practice on the exercise of powers conferred by the Police, Crime, Sentencing and Courts Act, in relation to the extraction of information from electronic devices. Under the Act, an “authorised person” may extract information stored on an electronic device voluntarily provided to them, where the user has agreed that information on the device may be extracted. It also provides that an “authorised person” may extract information where the user of the electronic device has died. An “authorised person” in this context includes a constable of a police force in England and Wales; a member of staff appointed by the chief officer of police of a police force in England and Wales; and an employee of the Common Council of the City of London who is under the direction and control of a chief officer of police.

The Sentencing Act 2020 (Serious Violence Reduction Orders: Retention and Disposal of Seized Items) Regulations 2022 No. 1071

17th January 2023

The Sentencing Act 2020 provides constables with a power to search a person subject to a Serious Violence Reduction Order to ascertain if they have a bladed article or offensive weapon with them. It provides for a constable to seize anything found in the course of the search which the constable reasonably suspects to be a bladed article or an offensive weapon. These Regulations make provision for the retention, safe-keeping, disposal and destruction of items seized under this power. They specify the period for which items must be retained by the relevant officer, and provide for the owner of an item to apply to have the item returned.

The Terrorism Act 2000 (Alterations to the Search Powers Code for England and Wales and Scotland) Order 2022 No. 1087

26th October 2022

This Order brings into force alterations made by the Secretary of State to the search powers code for England and Wales, following their approval by each House of Parliament. The alterations reflect the creation of a new power under the Terrorism Act 2000, whereby a constable may stop and search terrorist offenders released on licence where their licence includes a search condition and the constable is satisfied that the search is necessary for purposes connected with protecting members of the public from a risk of terrorism.

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