

## 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 20<sup>th</sup> July 2023*

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

#### **Bills**

#### **Date in force**

#### **Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023**

29th June 2023

The Act revokes certain specified pieces of Retained EU Law (REUL) at the end of 2023 and grants the Secretary of State powers to restate, revoke, replace or update REUL until 23 June 2026. It places a duty on the Secretary of State to regularly update the Government's REUL Dashboard and publish reports on the revocation and reform of REUL. The Act also abolishes the principle of the supremacy of EU law and other general principles of EU law and facilitates domestic courts to depart from retained case law.

#### **Higher Education (Freedom of Speech) Act 2023**

11th May 2023

The Act enhances existing freedom of speech duties on registered higher education providers, including the Guildhall School of Music and Drama. It creates a new duty to promote freedom of speech and academic freedom, as well as obligations for students' unions. The Act also enables individuals to claim for losses that they have suffered as a result of breaches of specified freedom of speech duties.

#### **Statutory Instruments**

#### **The Public Order Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1) (England and Wales) Regulations 2023 No 733**

2nd July 2023

These Regulations brought into force provisions of the Public Order Act 2023, including the new criminal offences of causing serious disruption by tunnelling or by being present in a tunnel, of being equipped for tunnelling, and of obstruction of major transport works. The Regulations also brought into force new protections for journalists observing or reporting on a protest, or on the exercise of police powers in relation to a protest. Some key provisions of the Act were brought into effect by Regulations in May in time for the Coronation weekend. These are the second commencement regulations, but the first which extend only to England and Wales.

**The Public Order Act 1986 (Serious Disruption to the Life of the Community) Regulations 2023 No. 655**

15th June 2023

The Public Order Act 1986 enables police officers to impose conditions on public processions and public assemblies, where they reasonably believe that these may result in “serious disruption to the life of the community”. The 1986 Act does not define this expression. It provides a non-exhaustive list of examples which may constitute serious disruption to the life of the community. These Regulations amend this list of examples and provide that the term “community” extends to anyone who may be affected by the procession or assembly, regardless of whether they live or work in the area.

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