

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 12th October 2023

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

Bills

Date of Royal Assent

The Pensions (Extension of Automatic Enrolment) Act 2023

18th September
2023

This Act amends provisions in the Pensions Act 2008 to give regulation making powers which will enable the Secretary of State to make regulations to reduce the lower age limit at which otherwise eligible workers must be automatically enrolled and re-enrolled into a pension scheme by their employers, and to make regulations to remove the Lower Earnings Limit (LEL) from the qualifying earnings band so that contributions are calculated from the first pound earned and to make regulations modifying the requirements of the annual review of the qualifying earnings band. The Government has stated its intention to implement these changes by the mid-2020s and so it is anticipated that Regulations will be brought forward under the powers in the Act in the next 12-18 months if that timetable is to be adhered to. This is of interest to the Lord Mayor and the Corporation as regards wider work on pensions and pensions provision.

Statutory Instruments

Date in Force

The Data Protection (Adequacy) (United States of America) Regulations 2023

12 October
2023

Identifies the United States of America as a country which provides an adequate level of protection of personal data for transfers under the Data Protection Act 2018 and the UK GDPR (also under the 2018 Act). This means that personal data which will be in the scope of the EU-US Data Privacy Framework Principles can be transferred to persons in the United States of America who participate in the UK Extension to the EU-US Data

Privacy Framework without the need for any specific authorisation.

The Environmental Protection (Plastic Plates etc. and Polystyrene Containers etc.) (England) Regulations 2023 1 October 2023

These Regulations apply in relation to England only. They prohibit persons from supplying or offering to supply certain plastic or polystyrene items in the course of a business: they also prohibit the supply of single-use plastic plates, trays or bowls, balloon sticks and cutlery and the supply of single-use polystyrene food or drink containers and cups. This is of interest to the Corporation as an catered events venue.

The Alcohol Licensing (Coronavirus) (Regulatory Easements) (Amendment) Regulations 2023 28 September 2023

Prolongs an existing extension of permissions for automatic extensions of premises licences that only permit sales of alcohol for consumption on the premises (“on-sales”) to allow sales of alcohol for consumption off the premises (“off-sales”). This easement will continue to 31 March 2025.

The Social Housing (Regulation) Act 2023 (Commencement No. 1 and Saving Provision) Regulations 2023 20 September 2023

Brings into force provisions relating to the Regulator of Social Housing’s new powers to set standards and requiring providers to comply with future arrangements for remedying hazards. Also brings into force a power for the Secretary of State’s to give a direction about providing information to tenants.

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

