

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 7th December 2023

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

Acts

Date of Royal Assent

Economic Crime and Corporate Transparency Act 2023

The Act builds on the Economic Crime (Transparency and Enforcement) Act 2022, which received Royal Assent on 15 March 2022. The Act has four key objectives:

- to prevent organised criminals, fraudsters, kleptocrats and terrorists from using companies and other corporate entities to abuse the UK economy;
- reform the powers of the Registrar of Companies
- to give law enforcement bodies new powers to seize cryptoassets and enabling businesses in the financial sector to share information more effectively to prevent and detect economic crime
- to give Companies House greater flexibility about the way it lists companies and uses its data.

26 October 2023

Reported to Communications and Corporate Affairs Committee.

Levelling-up and Regeneration Act 2023

Establishes a new statutory requirement for ministers to set levelling up missions with completion targeted for 2030 (for example relating, nationwide gigabit-capable broadband and 4G coverage, with 5G coverage for the majority of the population, pay, employment and productivity will have risen in every area of the UK, with each containing a globally competitive city, improving the standard in reading, writing and maths across the UK, improving wellbeing in every area). Changes to aspects of planning, environmental and heritage protection are included in the Act.

Reported to Open Spaces, West Ham Park, Culture Heritage and Libraries, Planning, and Communications and Corporate Affairs committees.

26 October 2023

Procurement Act 2023

26 October 2023

The Act is designed to create a simpler public procurement system not based on EU Directives. The Act mandates the creation of a central digital platform for suppliers to the public sector, which captures the Corporation in the exercise of its public functions, to register and store their details so that they can be used for multiple bids, and see all opportunities in one place.

Reported to Finance Committee.

Non-Domestic Rating Act 2023

26 October 2023

Shortens the business rates revaluation cycle in England from five years to three years. Reported to service department.

Worker Protection (Amendment of Equality Act 2010) Act

26 October 2023

Creates employers' liability for harassment of their employees by third parties and introduces a duty on employers to take all reasonable steps to prevent sexual harassment of their employees. Reported to service department.

Statutory Instruments**Date In Force****Judicial Review and Courts Act 2022 (Commencement No. 4) Regulations**

7 November 2023

Creates a framework under which specified summary only offences (minor offences dealt with in magistrates' courts) may be dealt with online and termed "automatic online conviction and penalty summary offences".

The Dangerous Dogs (Compensation and Exemption Schemes) (England and Wales) Order

14 November 2023

XL Bully breed type will be prohibited from 31st January 2024. Establishes a compensation scheme for dogs which are arranged to be euthanised before 31st January 2024. Owners of an XL Bully may apply for an exemption that would permit possession of such a dog.

Public Charge Point Regulations

24 November 2023

Requires a charge point operator to ensure that a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle by contactless payment without entering into a pre-existing contract with the operator. This requirement applies to new public charge points, rapid charge points and existing charge points.

Charge point operators must ensure that, by November 2025, a person is able to pay to charge an electric vehicle using a payment service provided by a third party roaming provider.

Within one year of the date that these Regulations come into force, operators must ensure that their network of rapid charge points is, on average, 99% reliable.

Charge point operators must provide a staffed telephone helpline that is available 24 hours per day.

The Parliamentary Constituencies Order

29 November 2023

Gives effect to new constituency boundaries at the next election. The City's boundary remains unchanged.

Council Tax (Chargeable Dwellings and Liability for Owners) (Amendment) (England) Regulations

1 December 2023

Provides that a house in multiple occupation is always treated as a single dwelling for the purposes of council tax.

Local Government and Greater London Authority Elections (Miscellaneous Amendments) Regulations

Dates between 31
October 2023 – 31
January 2024

The Regulations make provision in relation to local elections and Greater London Assembly and London mayoral elections to enable a returning officer to hold a nomination paper invalid if the person submitting that nomination paper is subject to a disqualification order, and introduce the new forms of nomination paper, candidate's consent to nomination, and elector and proxy poll cards.

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