

## 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> June 2024*

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

#### Acts

#### Royal Assent

##### **Digital Markets, Competition and Consumers Act 2024**

Provides an update to the protection of consumer rights.

24 May 2024

##### **Victims and Prisoners Act 2024**

Strengthens the rights of victims of crime and improve their treatment; to provide support for victims of major incidents; and to ensure the Parole Boards keeps public protection as its primary focus when making decisions to release people.

24 May 2024

##### **Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024**

Makes wide-ranging changes to leasehold and freehold, for example lengthening the period by which leaseholders can extend their holding, removing the requirement for a new leaseholder to have owned their house for two years before they can extend their lease or buy their freehold, requiring greater transparency regarding leaseholders' service charges, prohibiting leasehold houses, introduces a presumption that each side will bear its costs on a lease extension. Much of the Act will be brought into force by subsequent statutory instruments.

24 May 2024

#### Statutory Instruments

#### In Force

##### **Coroners (Suspension of Requirement for Jury at Inquest: Coronavirus) Regulations 2024**

During the height of the corona pandemic, regulations were introduced to remove the need for a coroner's inquest in cases relating to coronavirus. The period of this exception was set to expire on 27 June 2024 and these Regulations extend the period to 27 June 2026.

24 May 2024

**Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023  
(Commencement No. 2 and Saving Provisions) Regulations 2024** 24 May 2024

These Regulations are the second commencement regulations made under the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Act 2023 and, from 1 October 2024, enable a lower court or tribunal, which is bound by assimilated case law, to refer a point of law concerning assimilated case law to a higher court to decide. Also brings into force from 1 October a new procedure for the law officers of the UK Government and their counterparts in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland to refer a point of assimilated case law to a relevant higher court on a case which concluded in the lower courts. Confers on law officers of the UK Government or their counterparts a right to intervene in proceedings before a higher court where departure from assimilated case law is being considered.

**Recognition and Enforcement of Judgments (2019 Hague Convention etc.) Regulations 2024** 24 May 2024

These Regulations are preparatory to the 2019 Hague Convention coming into force in the UK in 2025. The Regulations provide for registration of judgments for the purposes of official recognition or enforcement and routes to challenge such a registration.

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