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A MESSAGE FROM THE TEAM!

May I take this opportunity on behalf of all of us in the LLG Team to wish you all a Very Happy New Year!

Take care, Keep safe!

Dennis

EDITOR'S NOTE

This Edition covers the period since the last Bulletin was published.

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CORONAVIRUS KEY INFORMATION

Legislation & Guidance:

[Previously published information relating to legislation, and LLG/ADSO guidance appeared in Bulletins 11-30 and is available for reference via the LLG website; (Editor)]

Coronavirus Updated Links:

Coronavirus (COVID-19): **guidance for local government:**

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-local-government>

Guidance; Coronavirus (COVID-19) - **Planning Inspectorate guidance**

In response to the spread of Coronavirus (COVID-19), The Planning Inspectorate has published guidance on site visits, hearings, inquiries and events.

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/coronavirus-covid-19-planning-inspectorate-guidance>

Collection; Coronavirus (COVID-19): **guidance for schools and other educational settings;**

Guidance and advice about coronavirus (COVID-19) in educational settings for staff, parents and carers, pupils and students.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/coronavirus-covid-19-guidance-for-schools-and-other-educational-settings>

BEIS: Updates: Working safely during coronavirus (COVID-19)

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/working-safely-during-coronavirus-covid-19/updates>

Guidance; **COVID-19: guidance for employees, employers and businesses**

Guidance for employees, employers and businesses in providing advice about the novel coronavirus (COVID-19).

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/guidance-to-employers-and-businesses-about-covid-19>



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BREXIT FOCUS

Parliament:

House of Lords: Select Committee on the Constitution; (30 December):

<https://publications.parliament.uk/pa/ld5801/ldselect/ldconst/205/205.pdf>

Government:

LGA:

IfG; The Brexit deal is the latest case of the government's disregard for parliamentary scrutiny | The Institute for Government; (31 December):

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/blog/brexit-deal-latest-case-governments-disregard-parliamentary-scrutiny>

and see this podcast...

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/events/brexit-deal>

UK leaves one bureaucracy for another - A Lawyer Writes: (27 December):

<https://rozenberg.substack.com/p/uk-leaves-one-bureaucracy-for-another>

MINISTRY OF HOUSING COMMUNITIES AND LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Guidance; COVID-19: Guidance for small marriages and civil partnerships; (23 December):

Guidance for people planning to get married or form a civil partnership in England.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-small-marriages-and-civil-partnerships>

and see...

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/covid-19-guidance-for-the-safe-use-of-places-of-worship-during-the-pandemic-from-4-july>

CABINET OFFICE

Press release; New Law Passed Will Make Voting in UK General Election Fairer; (24 December):

Parliamentary Constituencies Act passed today will make constituencies across the UK more equal in size

<https://www.gov.uk/government/news/new-law-passed-will-make-voting-in-uk-general-election-fairer>



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DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND SOCIAL CARE

Statutory guidance; Local authority powers to impose restrictions under coronavirus regulations; (10 December):

Supports the Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (England) (No 3) Regulations 2020 that come into force on 18 July 2020.

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/local-authority-powers-to-impose-restrictions-under-coronavirus-regulations>

COMMITTEE ON STANDARDS IN PUBLIC LIFE

Intimidation in Public Life: progress report on recommendations: (17 December):

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/intimidation-in-public-life-progress-report-on-recommendations>

LGIU

Local government facts and figures: England – LGIU: (4 January):

<https://lgiu.org/local-government-facts-and-figures-england/>

Weekly Report (23 December):

<https://mailchi.mp/lgiu.org/lgiu-this-week-18-december-1102270?e=a9126ea8e0>

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ASSOCIATION

Coronavirus: Latest Update:

<https://www.local.gov.uk/our-support/coronavirus-information-councils>

and see...

<https://www.local.gov.uk/covid-19-lga-responds-national-lockdown-announcement>

LGA Publications:

IMPORTANT: Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020 | Local Government Association: (23 December):

<https://www.local.gov.uk/local-government-association-model-councillor-code-conduct-2020-0>

Localising decision making: a guide to support effective working across neighbourhood, place and system | Local Government Association; (23 December):

<https://www.local.gov.uk/localising-decision-making-guide-support-effective-working-across-neighbourhood-place-and-system>



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PARLIAMENT

Note:

The Commons was recalled on 6 January.

Coronavirus Collection @ 7 January:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/primary+secondary?title=coronavirus>

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 4) Regulations 2020

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1654/contents/made>

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 3) Regulations 2020

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1646/contents/made>

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, International Travel) (England) (Amendment) (No. 29) Regulations 2020

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1595/contents/made>

The Health Protection (Coronavirus, Restrictions) (All Tiers) (England) (Amendment) (No. 2) Regulations 2020

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2020/1572/contents/made>

This Week in the Commons: w/e 18 December:

<https://www.parliament.uk/business/news/2020/december/this-week-in-the-commons-14-18-december/>

Parliamentary Publications:

Unitary Authorities; The Role of Town and Parish Councils:

https://commonslibrary.parliament.uk/unitary-authorities-the-role-of-parish-and-town-councils/?mc_cid=e2d5fde209&mc_eid=a7182ec69c

ARTICLES REPORTS PODCASTS AND VIDEO CLIPS

BBC News: Local elections: Council leaders call for urgent decision on May 6 polls ; (6 December):

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/news/uk-politics-55561556>

IfG: The world of government in 2021 ; Bronwen Maddox: (4 January);

https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/sites/default/files/publications/world-government-2021_1.pdf



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CfGS: Remote meetings: planning for permanence; (14 December):

<https://www.cfgs.org.uk/remote-meetings-planning-for-permanence/>

IfG: Inside Briefing podcast | The Institute for Government: (24 December):

<https://www.instituteforgovernment.org.uk/podcast>

LGL: Max Power; (23 December):

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/governance/314-governance-a-risk-articles/45745-max-power>

LGL: What next for local government re-organisation?; (23 December):

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/governance/314-governance-a-risk-articles/45747-what-next-for-local-government-re-organisation>

LGL: Consulting on new policies: (23 December):

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/governance/314-governance-a-risk-articles/45742-consulting-on-new-policies>

LGL: LLG News: High Court gives green light for judicial review over exit payment cap regulations; (22 December):

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/employment/395-employment-news/45738-high-court-gives-green-light-for-judicial-review-over-exit-payment-cap-regulations>

LGL: Running elections in 2021 - What's changing?; (18 December):

<https://www.localgovernmentlawyer.co.uk/governance/314-governance-a-risk-articles/45682-running-elections-in-2021-what-s-changing>

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