

Public Sector Webinars 2025

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June 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
17 June 2025 11:00-12:00	Managing effective processes and how public authorities should prepare for increased checks and audits	In the autumn 2024 budget, the Labour administration created a clear link between the levels of regional funding which will be made available and the ability to demonstrate compliant practices. This session will be a practical guide to putting in place evidence to demonstrate compliance in areas such as Subsidy Control law and Public Procurement.	Lead: Jonathan Branton	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6266035846429219161
25 June 2025 11:00-12:00	Pensions in the Public Sector	This webinar will provide an update on what we are seeing from a pensions perspective in respect of the public sector. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Productive Finance and ESG investing• Legal and practical considerations in pensions outsourcing and procurement• Protected persons and their ongoing entitlement to defined benefit accrual• Regulatory round-up• Horizon scanning	Lead: Marcus Fink Supported by: Liz Ramsaran and Vicki Thomas	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1333634380807496793

July 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
2 July 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Contract templates in the government sector post the introduction of the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will provide an overview of the contract updates arising from the Procurement Act 2023 based on a review of Government Templates including the Model Services Contract, Mid-Tier Contract, Short Form Contract and the Public Sector Contract which is used for CCS Frameworks. Using our experience of drafting these templates alongside the Cabinet Office, Government Legal and CCS DWF will give practical advice on how and when to use them. We'll also be highlighting what amendments Contracting Authorities need to make to their own template contracts and insights we've gathered from projects with some of our Local Authority clients.	Lead: Charlotte Ganz Supported by: Heather Brooks James Lupton	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/439070620937629529
9 July 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Open Procedure v Competitive Flexible Procedure in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will provide guidance on procurement strategy as to which procedure is best to adopt and step by step detailed practical advice on how to conduct a lawful procedure that complies with the 2023 Act.	Lead: Shaun Gamble Supported by: Alex Eaton Katie Moody	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2996396128679530070

September 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
3 September 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Lessons learned from the Procurement Act 2023 – 6 months on	This webinar will provide an overview of the lessons learned from the implementation of the 2023 Act, and any case law or guidance updates.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Special Guests	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2606260815930159448
9 September 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Golden Brick / package deal housing acquisitions	There are a few variations of this and tax/construction impact on development appraisal are all considerations.	Lead: Lee Pickett Supported by: Special Guests	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6269547686656583008
10 September 2025 11:00 – 12:00	The Procurement Act 2023 - Land deal v public works contract	This webinar will provide practical guidance on how to deliver complex regeneration projects under the 2023 Act. It will provide options for delivery and set out when the 2023 Act will / will not apply.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Lee Pickett	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/548718318594003544
17 September 2025 11:00-1200	Public Inquiries – the need for Candour and Public Accountability	This webinar will provide an update on the Public Authority (Accountability) Bill and how it has been used in recent Public Inquiries into various failings and cover-ups of the past. The speakers will provide key insights into their experiences of the varied approach to candour and how far it goes beyond just the public sector.	Lead: Steffan Groch Supported by: Simon Belfield	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7102183653115556958
24 September 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Navigating Data Breach Claims	This in-depth training session will focus on data breach claims, designed to equip you with the knowledge and strategies needed to effectively manage and respond to both pre-action and issued data breach claims.	Lead: Michelle Maher Supported by: Victoria Harkness	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7768644929710702429

October 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
2 October 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Conducting a below threshold procurement	This webinar will provide an overview of the steps which you will need to take in order to conduct a below threshold procurement.	Lead: Simon Harris Supported by: Douglas Jefferies	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5152868284324641884
8 October 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Successfully delivering a CMA Subsidy Control referral	A review of CMA decisions to date and how to get the most favourable report.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7883575780650531161
20 October 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Limitations on Liability	This webinar will provide an overview of the key issues in relation to the incorporation and construction of exclusion and limitation of liability clauses within business to business contracts. The session will also explore the key statutory & common law control on their use within contracts.	Lead: Chris King Supported by: Shaun Johnson	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6078456963795834198
27 October 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Issuing procurement proceedings (from the perspective of an economic operator)	This webinar will provide practical advice to economic operators bidding in response to a regulation procurement opportunity on when and how to issue procurement proceedings to protect your interests. It will set out key deadlines, steps to take and the likely cost and remedies available.	Lead: Sam Pringle Supported by: Victoria Harkness	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9168234171427783262

November 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
6 November 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Management of Public Contracts in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	The 2023 Act has introduced a number of new provisions which relate to how Contracting Authorities manage contracts. This webinar will set out the main provisions relating to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - payment terms; - assessment of contract performance; - modifying a contract; and - terminating a contract. 	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Charlotte Ganz Shaun Gamble	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8973715171311437150
13 November 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Delivering Social Value through procurement	This webinar will provide practical advice on how to incentivise bidders to prioritise meaningful social value commitments in bids which can be contractualised and monitored in contracts.	Lead: James Lupton Supported by: Alex Eaton Claira Rodden	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5591942859714315864
25 November 2025 11:00-12:00	Whistleblowing and Culture	During this webinar we will consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • How employers can foster a positive workplace culture and minimise the risk of incidents occurring in the first place; • How to handle a whistleblowing complaint should it occur, including how to conduct a thorough investigation; and • Post-incident learning and actions. Whistleblowing complaints are notoriously complex and investigations are rarely straightforward, we will set out the legal parameters from both an employment law and regulatory perspective.	Lead: Kate Meadowcroft Supported by: Special Guests	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8677649675300239198

December 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
3 December 2025 11:00 – 12:00	The Procurement Act 2023 – End of Year review!	This webinar will provide an end of 2024 round up on the implications arising from the 2023 Act for procurement practitioners.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Special Guests	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2264524905436319574

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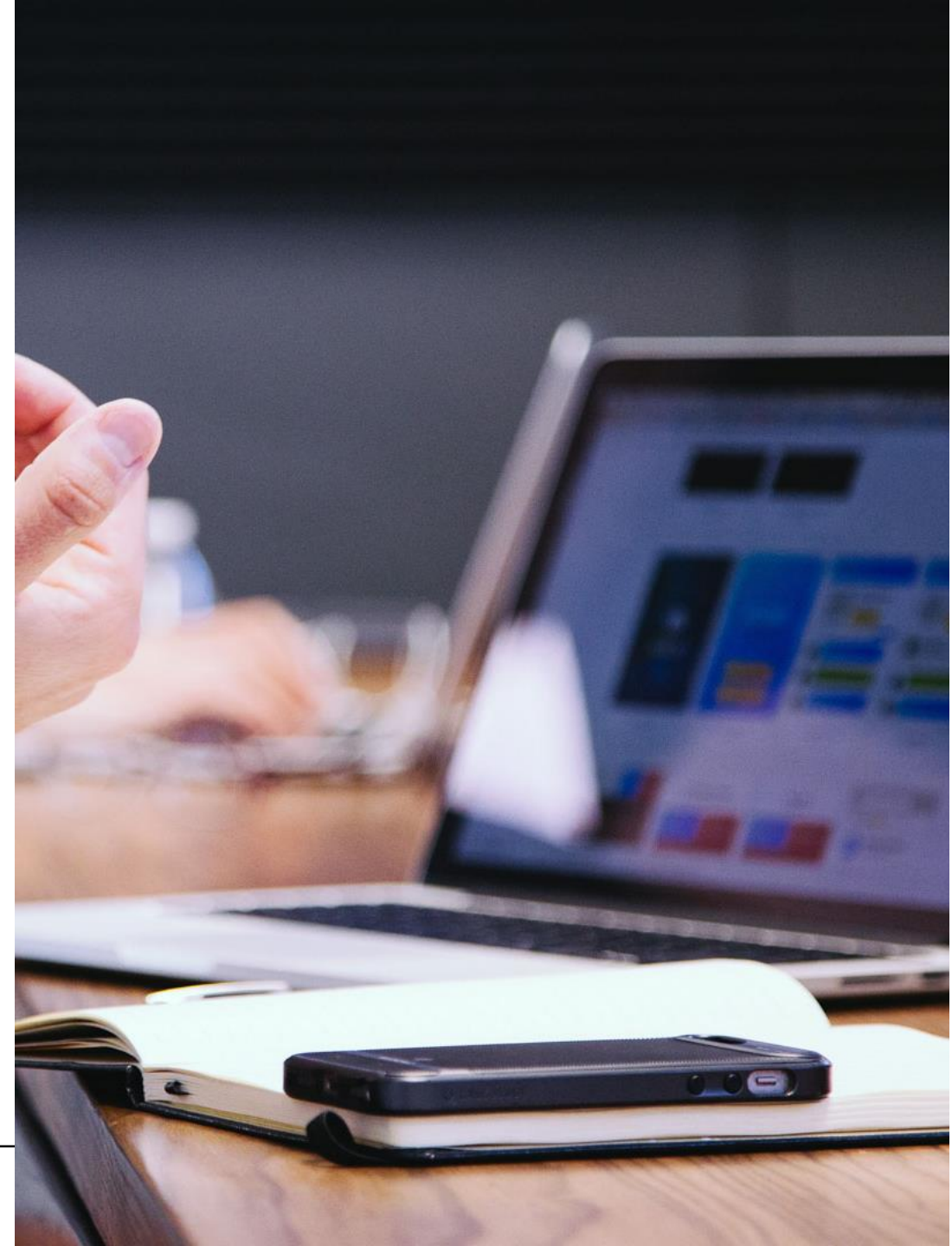
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On demand recordings of previous sessions

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
21 January 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Defending and bringing proceedings under the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar covered the key litigation changes arising from the introduction of the 2023 Act. It provided practical advice on the main areas of challenge and how to bring and defend proceedings. It outlined the remedies available to economic operators following a breach of the 2023 Act and the time limits for bringing proceedings.	Lead: Elinor Jackson Supported by: Alice Gilman James Lupton	Defending and bringing proceedings under the Procurement Act 2023 DWF
23 January 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Review of the Subsidy Control Act two years in	What worked well, how public authorities adapted most effectively to navigate the new regime, and what was ripe for reconsideration.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose	Webinar recording – Review of the Subsidy Control Act Two Years In DWF
29 January 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Procurement Act 2023 – what does it mean for Scotland?	The Procurement Act 2023 will come into force in February 2025 and will apply to contracting authorities in England and Wales, as well as cross-border contracting authorities in Scotland. In this session, we provided an overview of the new Procurement Act 2023 and examined what it will mean for contracting authorities in Scotland and for suppliers to the Scottish public sector.	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Orla Kerr Claire Rodden	Webinar Recording Procurement Act 2023 DWF Group

February 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
4 February 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing for the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar provided practical advice on the main impacts that affected both Contracting Authorities and economic operators. It included the benefits that the 2023 Act offered, such as new objectives, new procedures, consolidating the regulations into a single Act, and statutory guidance. It also covered the actions needed to prepare for the implementation of the 2023 Act, including training, updating Contract Standing Orders, procurement templates, and procurement documents. Additionally, it discussed further resources and training available to support organisations in driving cultural and behavioural change to exploit the flexibilities of the 2023 Act.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Simon Harris	Webinar recording – Preparing for the Procurement Act 2023 DWF
11 February 2025 11:00-12:00	Terminating business tenancies	This webinar gave advice on termination of business tenancies (inside and outside the 1954 Act, and Ground F for regeneration projects), and compensation payments.	Lead: Jonathan Smith Supported by: Lee Pickett	Webinar recording – Terminating business tenancies DWF Group

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
13 February 2025 11:00-12:00	Delivery of Regeneration Projects	Based on a discussion of "live projects," practical solutions were offered to address the legal and commercial 'bumps in the road' and how they could be overcome. We covered the reliance on the right public law powers to deliver a regeneration project, meeting consultation requirements, satisfying Subsidy Control issues to attract and lawfully spend grant funding, dealing with real estate issues to ensure projects are development-ready, and satisfying public procurement requirements, including when a transaction could be categorized as a Land Deal and exempt from the Regulations.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose Catherine Knight Shaun Gamble	Webinar recording: Delivery of regeneration projects DWF Group
26 February 2025 11:00-12:00	Sexual Harassment - As an employer are you doing enough to comply with your duty to prevent sexual harassment	The Worker Protection (Amendment of the Equality Act 2010) Act 2023 came into force on 26 October 2024. This webinar explored the new duty requiring employers to take proactive steps to prevent sexual harassment in the workplace, including carrying out risk assessments and preventing third-party harassment.	Lead: Kirsty Rogers Supported by: Julie Sabba	Webinar recording - Sexual Harassment DWF Group

March 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
5 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing Procurement Documents that comply with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar provided practical guidance on conducting procurement in accordance with the 2023 Act. It covered the content and triggers for various procurement notices and outlined the key requirements of the National Procurement Policy Statement, Statutory Guidance, Procurement Policy Notes, and the Central Digital Platform.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Heather Brooks Alex Eaton	Preparing Procurement Documents DWF
11 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Conducting a lawful evaluation in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar provided early practical guidance on conducting a lawful evaluation of bids that satisfied the requirements of the 2023 Act. It covered evaluation principles, record-keeping for assessment summaries, conducting lawful clarifications of bids, and evaluation dos and don'ts.	Lead: Simon Harris Supported by: James Lupton Alex Eaton	Conducting a lawful evaluation in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 DWF
18 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing Contracts that comply with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar outlined the changes needed for standard form contracts due to the 2023 Act. It explained how the Act required specific amendments to termination, KPIs, variation/modification, and other provisions. Practical guidance was provided with reference to drafting updates to the CCS Model Service Contracts and other template contracts.	Lead: Charlotte Ganz Supported by: Heather Brooks Orla Kerr	Preparing Contracts that comply with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 DWF
19 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Interpretation of Contracts and the need for Certainty	This webinar provided an in-depth exploration of the key principles and approaches applied by the court when interpreting commercial contracts. It was ideal for anyone involved in negotiating and drafting contracts, as well as for in-house lawyers who may be called to advise on potential disputes.	Lead: Chris Gee Supported by: Rhiannon Evans Jake Slinger	Interpretation of Contracts and the need for Certainty DWF

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
25 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Prosecutions Update: a review of Attorney Generals' Guidelines, Disclosure and the landscape post Horizon	This webinar provided key tips for prosecuting authorities and those involved in bringing and taking criminal prosecutions on how to conduct prosecutions in the current regime post-Horizon and deal with thorny issues such as disclosure to ensure successful results.	Lead: Mark Thompson Supported by: Felicity Wooley Prem Thakor Andrew Barton	Webinar recording - Prosecutions Update DWF Group
27 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Subsidy schemes	The webinar delved into the UK's Subsidy Control regime, primarily based on the Subsidy Control Act 2022. It covered the "challenge regime," where subsidy awards could be contested by interested parties, including competitors and the Secretary of State.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose	Webinar recording – Subsidy schemes DWF Group

April 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
1 April 2025 11:00-12:00	Using inclusive language	This webinar explored the importance of using inclusive language to create a sense of inclusion and belonging for all individuals. It covered how to practice inclusive considerations, engage diverse colleagues in discussions on terminology, and embed this within an organisation to enable attendees to build their confidence in using and discussing inclusive language and terminology.	Lead: Tamsin McCarthy	Webinar recording – Using Inclusive Language DWF Group
3 April 2025	The impact of The Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024	The webinar provided a comprehensive introduction to the Leasehold & Freehold Reform Act 2024, highlighting its primary objectives and significant changes, including the ban on the grant or assignment of long residential leases of houses, substantial amendments to leasehold enfranchisement and lease extensions for both houses and flats, and significant changes to the residential service charge regime and regulation of estate management.	Lead: Lee Pickett Supported by: Clemma Franklin	Webinar recording – The Impact of the leasehold and freehold reform act 2024 DWF Group
8 April 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Open and Closed Frameworks and Dynamic Markets that comply with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will set out the differences between Open and Closed Frameworks and Dynamic Markets. It will provide practical guidance on how to set up and call off using these commercial tools, and will explore how to ensure compliance with the requirements of the 2023 Act.	Lead: Charlotte Ganz Supported by: Simon Harris Jack Wadsworth	Webinar recording – Open and Closed Frameworks DWF Group

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
16 April 11:00 – 12:00	Being Menopause Inclusive (Including employment aspects of menopause)	This webinar will explore how employers can be menopause inclusive. A lack of awareness and support can lead to a loss of a key talent pool within organisations. We will also consider the legal impact of the menopause, including the risk of employment tribunal claims and the steps employers can take to reduce that risk.	Lead: Kirsty Rogers Supported by: Tamsin McCarthy Amy Ruffle	Webinar recording: Conditions in accordance with the Procurement Act DWF Group
23 April 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Conditions of Participation, Exclusion, and Debarment in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar explores exclusions, debarment, and conditions of participation under the Procurement Act 2023, offering practical insights for both contracting authorities and suppliers to help them navigate the new regulatory framework. It outlines the mandatory and discretionary grounds for exclusion under the Act, with a particular focus on the newly introduced grounds related to competition law infringements. The session also examines the updated rules on self-cleaning, the implications of the new debarment list, and how conditions of participation can be lawfully applied under the new legislation.	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Charlotte Ganz Jonathan Branton	Webinar recording: Conditions in accordance with the Procurement Act DWF Group

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
30 April 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Tax treatment of acquiring housing stock	<p>Acquiring residential housing had a number of important tax implications, the nature of which depended on who was involved in the acquisition. In this seminar, we provided a brief overview of some of these implications, focusing particularly on local authority and public sector acquirers.</p> <p>Public bodies often found themselves acquiring residential housing—for example, in their role as social housing providers, through compulsory purchase orders (CPOs), or pursuant to planning agreements. While public bodies were generally exempt from direct taxation, VAT, stamp taxes, and long-term planning considerations still required them to carefully assess the tax implications of residential housing acquisitions.</p>	Lead: Alex Tolcher Supported by: Lee Pickett Nina Basra Matthew Johnson	Webinar recording: Tax treatment of acquiring housing stock DWF Group

May 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
8 May 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Grant Funding, Loan or Contract? The implications of the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will explain the main differences between a grant, loan and a public sector contract, and how to ensure compliance with the 2023 Act.	Lead: Sean Caldwell Supported by: Claira Rodden	Webinar recording: Grant funding, loan or contract J DWF Group
14 May 2025 11:00-12:00	Remedies in the Employment Tribunal	During this webinar we will provide an outline of the remedies available in the Employment Tribunal. Including: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Preparing for remedies hearing – when and how?• Reducing the award - Polkey and contributory fault• Beware of the Acas uplift• How does settlement fit in?• What if the employer does not pay?• Key tactical considerations.	Lead: Ann Frances Cooney Supported by: Laura Hawkins Anna McCarthy	Webinar recording: Remedies in the Employment Tribunal J DWF Group

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Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
22 May 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Lawfully varying a Public Contract in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar provided practical advice on how to approach lawfully varying a contract in accordance with the 2023 Act. The session offered guidance on how to: (i) advise on which procurement regulatory regime applied to the variation in question; (ii) approach a request to vary a contract with a view to locating the appropriate safe harbour; (iii) briefly review the safe harbours in the Public Contracts Regulations 2015; (iv) conduct a detailed review of the safe harbours in the Procurement Act 2023 (including the new mandatory transparency requirements); and (v) understand the potential consequences of an unlawful variation for Contracting Authorities, along with practical steps to mitigate risk.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Simon Harris Orla Kerr	Webinar recording: Lawfully varying a Public Contract DWF Group
29 May 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Demystifying Litigation in Procurement Claims arising from the Procurement Act 2023	This session explored the litigation process following the formal issuing of a procurement claim under the Procurement Act 2023. We guided attendees through each stage—from issue to trial—highlighting critical deadlines and offering strategic insights to help ensure a successful outcome. Both Contracting Authorities and Strategic Suppliers to Government were interested in how the requirements in the Procurement Act 2023 impacted grounds for challenges, procedural requirements, and the remedies that courts could grant. The webinar included practical tips on how to deal with proceedings.	Lead: Sam Pringle Supported by: Grant Parkes	Webinar recording Demystifying Litigation in Procurement Claims arising from Procurement Act 2023 DWF Group

June 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Recording
3 June 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Direct awards in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	<p>This webinar set out the law in the 2023 Act relating to direct awards. Adopting a case study approach, we explored when it was safe to make a direct award, what audit notes and evidence should have supported a direct award, and what notices needed to be published along with the practical steps that should have been taken.</p> <p>Direct awards were an area of significant legal change, and the increase in transparency was likely to lead to a rise in procurement proceedings. This webinar therefore also covered the potential consequences of not acting in accordance with the 2023 Act.</p>	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Shaun Gamble Orla Kerr	Webinar recording Direct awards in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023 DWF Group
10 June 2025 11:00 – 12:00	The Procurement Act 2023 - Conflicts of Interest	<p>This webinar will focus on conflicts of interest in procurements and how to ensure compliance with the new duties under the 2023 Act. It will provide practical guidance for both authorities and suppliers, including on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The steps to take to identify and manage conflicts of interest at each stage of a procurement; and• Practical guidance and lessons learned addressing commonly raised situations (e.g. incumbents, sub-contractors in multiple bids, employees moving between economic operators, Contracting Authority employees being subsequently employed by economic operators).	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Simon Harris Heather Brooks	



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