

Public Sector Webinars 2025

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February 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
4 February 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing for the Procurement Act 2023	<p>This webinar will provide practical advice on the main impacts that will affect both Contracting Authorities and economic operators. Including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the benefits that the 2023 Act will offer (the new objectives, new procedures, consolidating the regulations into a single Act, and statutory guidance)• what actions you will need to take to prepare for the implementation of the 2023 Act (training, updating Contract Standing Orders/ procurement templates/ procurement documents etc), and• what further resources and training are available to support your organisation to drive cultural and behavioural change to exploit the flexibilities of the 2023 Act.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Michelle Maher Simon Harris	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/1681526456772626526
11 February 2025 11:00-12:00	Terminating business tenancies	<p>Advice on termination of business tenancies (inside and outside 1954 Act, and Ground F for regeneration projects), and compensation payments.</p>	Lead: Jonathan Smith Supported by: Michael Bogahalanda	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4068010947302315098

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13 February 2025 11:00-12:00	Delivery of Regeneration Projects	Based on a discussion of "live projects", practical solutions will be offered to the legal and commercial 'bumps in the road' and how they can be overcome. We will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The right public law powers are relied upon to deliver a regeneration project;• Consultation requirements are met;• Subsidy Control issues are satisfied to be able to attract and lawfully spend grant funding;• Real Estate issues are dealt with to ensure that projects are development ready;• Public procurement requirements are satisfied (including when a transaction can be categorised as a Land Deal and exempt from the Regulations).	Lead: Julie Simms	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5074439020182464087
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 will explore 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	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5220167191816283483

March 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
5 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing Procurement Documents that comply with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will provide practical guidance on the nuts and bolts of conducting a procurement in accordance with the 2023 Act. The webinar will cover the content and triggers for the various procurement notices, and will set out the key requirements of the National Procurement Policy Statement, Statutory Guidance, Procurement Policy Notes, and the requirements of the Central Digital Platform.	Lead: Shaun Gamble Supported by: Chantal Charnock Alex Eaton	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5780236424904764763
11 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Conducting a lawful evaluation in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will provide early practical guidance on how to conduct a lawful evaluation of bids which satisfies the requirements of the 2023 Act. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaluation principles; • keeping records to allow completion of assessment summaries; • how to conducting a lawful clarification of bids; • evaluation dos and don'ts. 	Lead: Simon Harris Supported by: James Lupton Sam Pringle	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8176231691014742869
18 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Preparing Contracts that comply with the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will set out the changes which you need to make to your standard form contracts arising from the 2023 Act. This webinar will explain how the 2023 Act requires specific amendment to termination, KPIs, variation / modification, amongst other provisions. It will provide practical guidance by reference to the drafting updates to the CCS Model Service Contracts and other template contracts.	Lead: Charlotte Ganz Supported by: Heather Brooks Orla Kerr	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/9055953143421603926
19 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Interpretation of Contracts and the need for Certainty	This webinar will provide an in-depth exploration of the key principles and approaches applied by the court when interpreting commercial contracts and is ideal for anybody 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	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8032657462659794528

March 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
25 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Prosecutions Update: a review of Attorney Generals' Guidelines, Disclosure and the landscape post Horizon	This webinar will provide 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: Jill Brookes	External (open) https://attende.gotowebinar.com/register/2614387306282018144
27 March 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Subsidy schemes	How and when to create or make use of them and respective risks, including avoidance of CMA referrals.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose	External (open) https://attende.gotowebinar.com/register/3452717643461237343

April 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
1 April 2025 11:00-12:00	Using inclusive language	This webinar will explore the importance of using inclusive language in order to create a sense of inclusion and belonging for all individuals. It will cover how to practice inclusive considerations, how to engage diverse colleagues in discussions on terminology, and ways to embed this within an organisation to enable attendees to build their confidence in using and discussing inclusive language and terminology.	Lead: Tamsin McCarthy	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4111550508382769758
3 April 2025	The impact of The Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024	The proposed impact of the Leasehold and Freehold Reform Act 2024 on lease extensions of former RTB residential properties.	Lead: Lee Pickett Supported by: Clemma Franklin	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/6431205582664614745
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	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2308310756899946592
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	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/3914331107708645977

April 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
23 April 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Conditions of Participation, Exclusion, and Debarment in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will explain the practical changes in the 2023 Act to allow Contracting Authorities to confidently exclude economic operators at the Conditions of Participation / Award stage of a procurement. The webinar will use practical case studies to show the steps that Contracting Authorities should consider and take at these stages of a procurement.	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Charlotte Ganz Jonathan Branton	External (open) https://attende.gotowebinar.com/register/7780443788899279712
30 April 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Tax treatment of acquiring housing stock	(SDLT if s106 or non s106 stock and interplay with grant funding). To include 106 planning obligation relief and social LL relief (given recent budget changes)	Lead: Alex Tolcher	External (open) https://attende.gotowebinar.com/register/6653631287405612636

May 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
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 Jonathan Branton	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5671372679127334496
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 Ola Soyemi	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/2244478609349629525
22 May 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Lawfully varying a Public Contract in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will provide practical advice on how to approach lawfully varying a contract in accordance with the 2023 Act. It will provide practical guidance on how to ensure that the factual circumstances align with the safe harbour and how to audit decision making and publication of any notices required by the 2023 Act.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Simon Harris Orla Kerr	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8003938218942767449
29 May 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Demystifying Litigation in Procurement Claims arising from the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will discuss the stages following the formal issuing of a procurement claim, covering the steps from issue all the way to trial. It will highlight key deadlines which must be met and litigation strategy to ensure a successful outcome.	Lead: Sam Pringle Supported by: Elinor Jackson	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5967898870510898016

June 2025

Date	Topic	Summary	Speakers	Audience & Link
3 June 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Direct awards in accordance with the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will set out the law in the 2023 Act relating to direct awards. Adopting a case study approach, we will set out when it is safe to make a direct award, what audit notes and evidence should support a direct award, and what notices need to be published and practical steps taken.	Lead: Colin Murray Supported by: Shaun Gamble Orla Kerr	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4384168918932269408
5 June 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Bringing and defending challenges under the Subsidy Control Act 2022	A guide to transparency publications, audit trails and other requirements.	Lead: Jonathan Branton Supported by: Alex Rose	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/7824317601382987358
10 June 2025 11:00 – 12:00	The Procurement Act 2023 - Conflicts of Interest	This webinar will focus on conflicts of interest in procurements and how to ensure compliance with the 2023 Act. It will cover: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• the steps to take when setting up a procurement;• how to manage conflicts of interest to ensure an effective competition; and• practical guidance and lessons learned from case studies 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: James Lupton Supported by: Douglas Jefferies Lily Maffei	External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/4604693568068856665

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: Alex Rose Supported by: 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">• Discrimination and in particular the practical implications of the McCloud Judgment• Productive Finance and ESG investing• Legal and practical considerations in pensions outsourcing and procurement• Protected persons and their ongoing entitlement to defined benefit accrual	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	<p>This webinar will provide an overview of the updates arising from the 2023 Act on the following Government contract templates:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- Short Form Contract,- Public Sector Contract, and- Model Services Contract.- When and how you should use them.	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	<p>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.</p>	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	<p>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:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - payment terms; - assessment of contract performance; - modifying a contract; and - terminating a contract. 	<p>Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Charlotte Ganz Shaun Gamble</p>	<p>External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8973715171311437150</p>
13 November 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Delivering Social Value through procurement	<p>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.</p>	<p>Lead: James Lupton Supported by: Alex Eaton Claira Rodden</p>	<p>External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/5591942859714315864</p>
26 November 2025 11:00-12:00	Whistleblowing and Culture	<p>During this webinar we will consider:</p> <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. <p>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.</p>	<p>Lead: Kate Meadowcroft Supported by: Special Guests</p>	<p>External (open) https://attendee.gotowebinar.com/register/8677649675300239198</p>

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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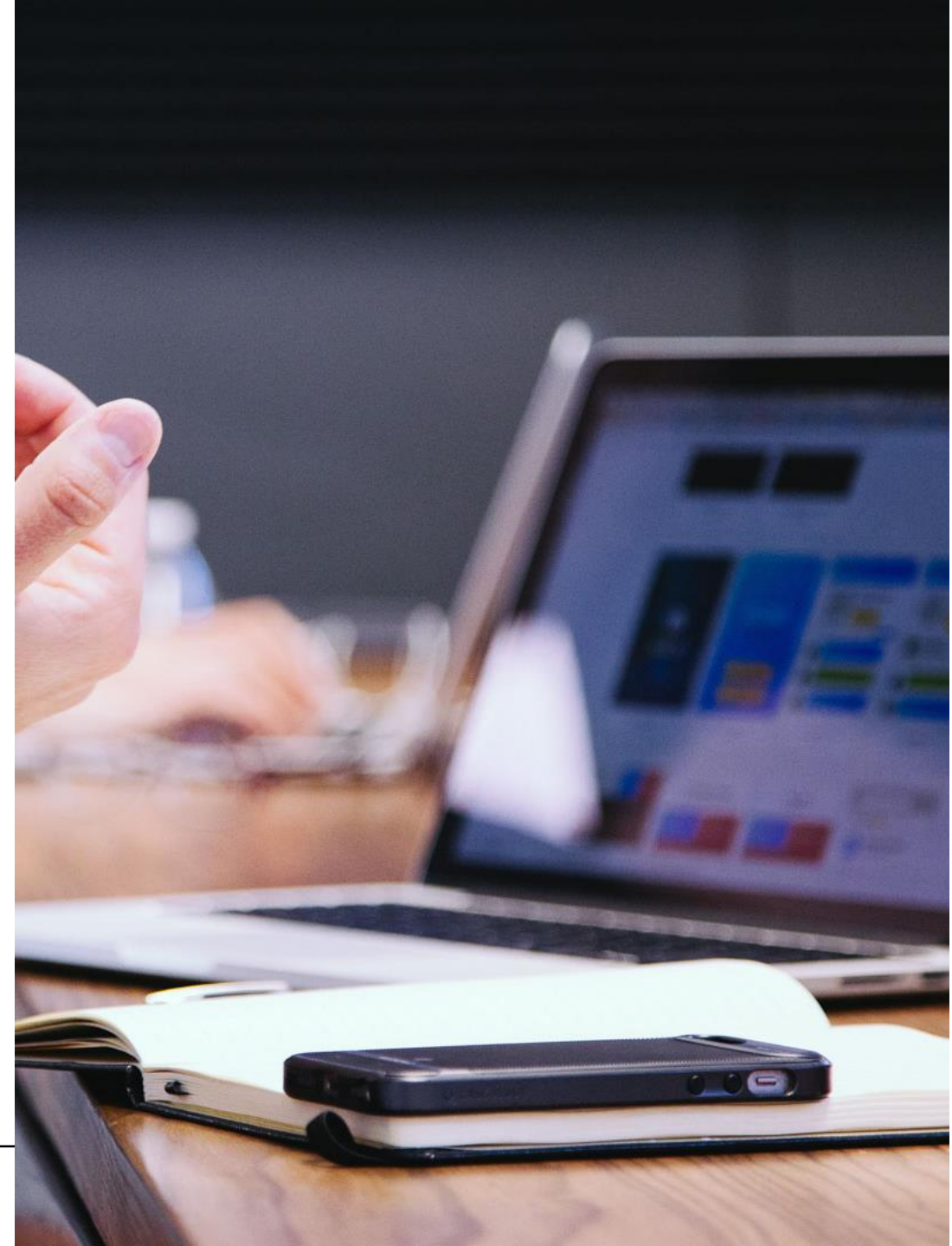
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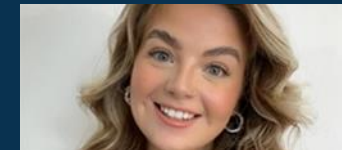
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21 January 2025 11:00 – 12:00	Defending and bringing proceedings under the Procurement Act 2023	This webinar will cover the key litigation changes arising from the introduction of the 2023 Act. It will provide practical advice on what are likely to be the main areas of challenge and how to bring proceedings and defend them. It will set out 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 has worked well, how have public authorities adapted to best effect to navigate the new regime, and what is 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-boarder contracting authorities in Scotland. In this session, we will provide an overview of the new Procurement Act 2023, and look at what it will mean for contracting authorities in Scotland and for suppliers to the Scottish public sector.	Lead: Douglas Jefferies Supported by: Orla Kerr Claira Rodden	Coming soon



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