



Projects

Public Sector

The public sector is under mounting pressure to respond effectively to the changing economic climate, with both central and local government finding the demands placed upon them increasingly complex and challenging.

Our public sector experts understand the varied nature of government work and have a wealth of experience to support in-house legal teams in meeting these challenges. Many of our lawyers had careers in government and, through our partnerships with clients, together with our day-to-day work, we have built a strong appreciation of how the public sector operates and the pressures clients face.

We are appointed to the full commercial panel of the Central Government Buying Solutions Legal Panel, which means we are approved suppliers for all forms of commercial work including IT and Telecoms; Property and Estates; Construction; Employment; Pensions; Corporate; Finance and Intellectual Property. We are also on the Litigation Panel of the Treasury Solicitor.

“The team provides us with a great combination of legal expertise and practical commercial advice, which has been invaluable in ensuring our success”
Chambers Directory, 2009

We advise a range of central government departments, including:

- the **Foreign and Commonwealth Office** in relation to its outsourcing of the facilities and buildings management of much of their property estate in the Asia Pacific region.
- the **Department of Health** in relation to: the establishment of a framework of suppliers to provide training and educational programmes to NHS Trusts and PCTs aimed at addressing child weight management issues; the influenza pandemic inoculation programme; and the opening up of a market of suppliers of community equipment and related services.
- the **Department for Food and Rural Affairs**, including writing sections of the recently published waste procurement pack.
- the **Department for Communities and Local Government** on the latest revisions to the housing procurement pack.
- the **Department of Business, Enterprise and Regulatory Reform** on contractual and procurement matters.

Aside from central government, we have a large number of local authority clients. Across the board, we advise over 200 local authorities. We are advising 11 local authorities on their Building Schools for the Future

programmes, as well as a range of authorities on housing and regeneration, waste, and climate change and energy projects.

We also provide a full range of legal services to police authorities, including advising Kent Police Authority on several accommodation PFIs. We advised the Metropolitan Police Authority on its outsourced services programme from 2004–2008, which covered five second and third generation outsourcings of ICT services, payroll and pensions services, transport services, facilities management services and a property management information centre.

Non-departmental government bodies and regional development agencies form part of our public sector client base. Our clients include Partnerships for Schools, Sport England and the East of England Development Agency.

To ensure our clients receive a proactive, comprehensive service, our wider offering to the public sector includes:

- training sessions on vires, procurement, and contract issues
- regular client briefings on topical matters and changing legislation
- speaking at and hosting conferences
- arranging round table discussions at policy dinners or lunches.



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