

09.25 **Welcome**

09.30 – 10.15 **Subsidy Control in Regeneration Projects**

This session will look at:

- Common areas of regeneration projects where subsidies may arise
- How to spot potential subsidies in these projects
- How to eliminate subsidies in your projects using either a) the Commercial Market Operator Principle; or b) use of exemptions to the regime such as MFA and Streamlined Routes.

Alex Kynoch, Partner, Browne Jacobson
Angelica Hymer, Principal Associate, Browne Jacobson

10.15 – 10.30 **Break**

10.30 – 11.15 **Procuring Public Sector Technology Contracts**

This session will explore the procurement lifecycle of software contracts. It will provide practical insights on planning and scoping projects effectively, navigating suppliers' standard terms and conditions and future-proofing contractual arrangements.

Louis Sebastian, Partner, Trowers & Hamlins
Jasmin Mann, Associate, Trowers & Hamlins

11.15 – 11.30 **Break**

11.30 – 12.15 **Urgent Situations in Property-Related Disputes**

The courts have developed various procedures by which it can assist litigants who are placed in urgent situations. With over 50 years having now passed since the American Cyanamid case, Katharine Holland KC will be reviewing a selection of court remedies which can be pursued by parties who need to act quickly in factual scenarios involving imminent risks in property related disputes.

Katherine Holland KC, Barrister, Landmark Chambers

12.15 – 13:15 **Lunch**

13.15 – 14.00 **Subsidy control in practice – What do you need to be aware of?**

- Lessons learned from the SAU and CAT to date – practical tips
- What additional resource do you need to assess your subsidy, and when is it needed?

- What practices can you put in place at your organisation to make assessing subsidies easier?

Lucy Woods, Partner, Capsticks
Ruth Yates, Partner, Capsticks

14.00 – 14.15 **Break**

14.15 – 15.00 **Bromcom v Arbor – Misrepresentation: What does this mean for your tender evaluation?**

This session will look at the following:

- Case summary
- Review of procurement act and associated material
- Elements of misrepresentation
- Contract clauses
- Conclusion

Jennifer Andrews, Managing Associate, Freeths
Stephanie Cheung, Director, Freeths

15.00 – 15.15 **Break**

15.15 – 16.00 **Making Contract Management Happen**

The Procurement Act 2023 places a new emphasis on effective contract management, transparency and supplier performance throughout the contract lifecycle. This session will provide a clear, practical guide to the legal and operational considerations that arise after contract award, translating the statutory requirements into manageable day-to-day actions. It will cover how to set proportionate and meaningful performance measures; establish clear governance and reporting arrangements; monitor delivery; maintain an appropriate audit trail; manage risk and underperformance; and approach contract modifications, extensions and expiry planning with confidence. The focus will be on helping council services protect continuity of delivery, manage legal and commercial risk, demonstrate accountability and realise value while meeting the requirements of the Procurement Act 2023 with greater assurance.

Sophie Mcfie-Hyland, Legal Director, Anthony Collins

16.00 **Close**