

NATIONAL PUBLIC SECTOR FRAMEWORK

For the provision of **LEGAL SERVICES**

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Public Sector

Watson Burton LLP has an established position, providing legal services to the public sector for decades. In difficult economic times and political uncertainty, a strong and dynamic public sector is essential for the growth of the UK economy, by inward investment at a national and regional level.

Watson Burton has a long and distinguished history in the sector. We have provided specialist advice to government agencies such as the Nuclear Decommissioning Authority, Sunderland City Council and driven change within such organisations and the NHS. We have worked with those at the forefront of innovation and outsourcing for many years.

We are a commercial firm with an understanding of the public sector so our clients can be assured that our advice is effective and delivered with a practical and commercial edge as well as recognising all statutory and regulatory obligations. We understand the way you work and pride ourselves on our collaborative approach, making the most of your opportunities rather than just being another supplier of legal services.

Our Team

Each member of our public sector team has specific knowledge and experience and a proper understanding of the sector.

Our public sector teams act for a range of Government Agencies, Local Authorities, NHS Trusts, Universities, Colleges and Schools. We have extensive experience of advising such clients on a range of high profile, high-value transactions including large-scale property development, education, construction and infrastructure projects. We defend claims to protect reputation and intellectual property, advise on employment law and provide day-to-day HR support. We manage employment tribunal and civil court claims, advise on contractual matters, constitutional issues and governance. We have expertise in mergers and acquisitions, academy conversions, outsourcing and shared services, partnerships and franchising. We are also experienced in delivering sector-focus training such as sessions on governance, complaints and the impact of new legislation. Whatever the issue, we provide clear, pragmatic advice and work in partnership with our clients to deliver value measured in their terms. Whatever your need, we will ensure that you receive tailored, practical support with a commercial focus.

Our areas of expertise include:

- Land acquisitions and disposals
- Projects
- Outsourcing of functions



The framework provides added value throughout when compared with other Public Sector legal frameworks. For example,

- Expansion and improvement programs
- Financing and re-financing projects
- Litigation, including procurement and employment tribunals
- Construction projects and building;
- Education and skills
- Commercial contracts

Should you wish to discuss how we can assist you and your organisation, please contact us at publicsector@watsonburton.com or call 0345 901 2100 and your call will be directed to a member of the public sector team.



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