

INTRODUCING OUR PUBLIC SECTOR TEAM



With its strong track record of working with town and parish councils, leading South West law firm Stephens Scown LLP has formed a new Public Sector team to offer specialist advice to Unitary, County, City, Town and Parish Councils, public sector-owned companies and other public authorities and bodies.

Headed up by Tim Walmsley, the multidisciplinary team is highly regarded and noted by St Ives Town Council for their ‘very impressive technical abilities’ and ‘very good’ service delivery.

PUBLIC SECTOR EXPERTISE

Our team includes a number of lawyers with significant experience of working within the Public Sector, having either held senior in-house roles in local government, spent time on secondment or worked extensively with public sector clients.

We recognise that the public sector has to carefully balance the demand for vitally important public services with significant ongoing budgetary pressures. Our experience means we really understand the issues, culture and the importance of maximising opportunities. This enables us to support our public sector clients and work with them to develop new ways to maintain services by realising commercial opportunities and promoting innovative ways of working.

As a result, we work with an increasing number of local authorities and their associated companies covering a wide variety of specialist areas including:

- Commercial property matters including acquisitions, disposals and landlord and tenant matters
- Property litigation and dispute resolution
- Planning and Highways including compulsory purchase matters, common land and town and village greens
- Governance, procedure and practice, and judicial review
- Project delivery
- Commercial contracts, Public procurement and State aid
- Service delivery models including innovative corporate structuring arrangements, joint ventures, partnerships and shared services arrangements
- Commercial dispute resolution and debt recovery
- Employment, TUPE and pensions
- Energy and Renewables
- Charities
- Data protection, GDPR and Freedom of Information
- Byelaws, allotments, cemeteries and devolution transfers

WORK HIGHLIGHTS

- Advising on a significant transaction for a large local authority owned group of companies in connection with the sale of its innovative highways joint venture company
- Governance and strategic procurement advice in connection with a number of high value works, services and supply contracts
- Drafting and negotiating an agreement for lease for the construction of a new car park including the provision of collateral warranties and financial security against non-performance
- Advising on a local authority owned group in relation to the establishment of a service delivery and financing arrangements in connection with a high value outsourcing arrangement involving a multi-million pound capital funding package for the acquisition of a property portfolio for the provision of temporary accommodation provision for the homeless
- Advising on a high value sub-contract agreement in connection with the provision of public bus services
- Providing draft heads of terms for the lease of a playing field for consideration by a town council
- Advising on the amalgamation and restructuring of unincorporated charities where a Town Council was a holding trustee
- Advising on the documentation relating to the installation of electric vehicle charging points
- Advising on the numerous linked property transactions, including a sale, a purchase and associated options required to facilitate a consolidated site for an academy school
- Acquired a cemetery subject to leases and a service level agreement with the Burial Authority
- Advising a town council and its partner authorities on the establishment of a shared CCTV monitoring service, including governance, data protection, information-sharing arrangements, and the legal framework for a multi-authority community safety partnership

RECENT CLIENTS

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TOTNES TOWN COUNCIL
TRURO CITY COUNCIL
WADEBRIDGE TOWN COUNCIL

GET IN TOUCH

Our experience of working with housing, local government and health organisations means we are able to support and enable collaborative working across sectors. We are confident that we are the right legal partner for you and would love the opportunity to discuss any requirements you may have.

For more information or to arrange an informal conversation with one of our team, please contact:

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