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Cases

LANDLORD AND TENANT

Islington LBC v Dyer. [2017] EWCA Civ 150. Court of Appeal (Civil Division) (CA (Civ Div)). Patten LJ; Proudman J; Sir Colin Rimer. March 22, 2017

A notice served by a landlord on a tenant for the purposes of the Housing Act 1996 s.128 could be comprised in more than one document. There was no reason why an accompanying information leaflet should not be treated as part of the notice if the reasonable recipient would have understood that the documents were intended to be read together.

Appeal allowed

Legislation

LOCAL GOVERNMENT

The Combined Authorities (Finance) Order 2017. Draft

This Order makes provision for a precept to be set by the mayor of a combined authority to fund mayoral functions, the arrangements for setting and approving a combined authority mayoral budget, provision for a mayor's general fund, and transitional provisions, including transitional provisions relating to the Greater Manchester Combined Authority.

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Made under Local Democracy, Economic Development and Construction Act 2009 s.107G, s.114(1), s.117(1A)(5), Sch.5C para.6

Regulatory Development

ROAD TRAFFIC

UK Testing Ecosystem for Connected and Autonomous Vehicles - Government response. Issued by Centre for Connected & Autonomous Vehicles. 30 March 2017

A response by the Centre for Connected & Autonomous Vehicles to its call for evidence on UK testing

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ecosystem for connected and autonomous vehicles sets out the Government's response and next steps as well as a summary of responses received. The Government will now begin a programme of integrating existing proving grounds and public road test sites across the UK and will set out its strategy for delivering this four-year programme, which includes an investment of £100 million.

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News

ROAD TRAFFIC

DVLA to issue driving licences to smartphones and prepare for driverless technology. *Times*, 31 March 2017, 23. By Mark Bridge; Robert Lea. Also Reported in *Guardian*, 31 March 2017, 18

The DVLA has announced that motorists will get digital licences on their smartphones by the end of 2018 and driving tests will be modernised to prepare for driverless technology. A spokesman for the DVLA said that it was too early to speculate on the legal status of the document, and that it would not replace the physical driving licence, but that it could be used to share and validate driver information with third parties such as employers and car-hire companies.

Further Reading

SOCIAL SECURITY

Benefit cap. *J.S.S.L.* 2017, 24(1), 5. By Grainne McKeever.

Details the findings of research by the Chartered Institute for Housing into the number of children likely to be affected by the lower benefit cap, the conclusions of a report by the Institute of Fiscal Studies into how claimants may respond to the cap, and the assessment by the UN Committee on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities into how welfare reforms since 2010 have affected disabled persons.