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CHARITIES & CHARITY LAW

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for the charity sector: online trustees' meetings

For action

The Charity Commission has [updated](#) its guidance for the charity sector to remind trustees that the more flexible approach to charities holding meetings outside of the terms of their governing documents is coming to an end on **21 April 2022**. *All charities that wish to continue holding online or telephone meetings of trustees should check that their governing document allows them to do so.*

[Source: Charity Commission, 25 March]

PROPERTY & PLANNING

Future of Heating In Historic Buildings conference

For information

Historic England, [Fit for the Future](#) and the Church of England are organising a one-day conference on ***The Future of Heating in Historic Buildings***, which will look at case studies and relevant research. The publicity for the conference begins:

"Organisations and individuals charged with managing historic buildings face a significant challenge. How do we respond to the climate crisis, whilst ensuring the people using our buildings are comfortable and protect the precious fabric and interiors? How do we make changes urgently, whilst minimising the risk of maladaptation?"

The conference will take place at [St Mary's Church, Marylebone](#) in central London on **28 June**. Further details are to be confirmed shortly, including speakers and how to book a place.

[Source: Historic England, 22 March]

TAXATION

Less than one week to go for Making Tax Digital for VAT

For information **and possibly for action**

HM Revenue and Customs has [reminded](#) organisations that they have less than a week to prepare for Making Tax Digital (MTD) for Value Added Tax becoming mandatory for VAT-registered businesses.

VAT-registered organisations that have not yet signed up to MTD for VAT should do so now. All VAT-registered businesses must use MTD for VAT for their first VAT return starting on or after 1 April 2022. Organisations should use the time left to choose the software that is right for them, whether that is one of the simple free options available or a more advanced product for those with more complex affairs.

[Source: HMRC, 28 March]