# Catch up with the Law

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# DEFAULT RETIREMENT AGE

- Where does this leave golf clubs?
- Performance/Capability Management
- Performance Appraisal System

# Maternity/Paternity Provisions

- The background....
- Previous position
- Father entitled to 10 days paid paternity leave
- Quite often the father took holiday instead of paternity leave.

## ADDITIONAL PATERNITY LEAVE

- This came into effect from 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2011
- It now allows fathers to take up to 26 weeks paternity leave in the first year of the child's life.
- This effectively allows parents to share the full 52 weeks maternity leave.
- Fathers will only be able to start their APL:
  - 20 or more weeks after the child's birth
  - Once their partner has returned to work.

## THE BRIBERY ACT 2011

- The four Key Principles are:
  - Paying (or offering) a bribe.
  - Accepting a bribe.
  - 3. Failing to prevent bribery, also known as the 'corporate offence'.
  - 4. This offence could occur from a range of people including an employee, agent or a consultant!
  - 5. Bribing a foreign or public official.

### POSSIBLE DEFENCE

• The Club's ability to demonstrate that it had 'adequate policies and procedures' in place to stop any bribery from occurring.

#### **AGENCY WORKERS REGULATIONS**

• Came into force on 1st October 2011.

- These Regulations have come in on the principle of 'equal treatment' between agency workers and staff
- They do not change the employment status of agency workers.

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- The Regulations give agency workers 2 rights:
  - The right from day 1 to equal access to employment opportunities.
  - The right after undertaking the same role for 12 continuous weeks to the same basic working and employment conditions.
- Offering 11 week assignments is going to be seen as anti-avoidance if you then break and re-start their assignment.

## PENSION REFORMS

 In 2012 the Government will be implementing pension reforms in order to increase workplace pension provision.

• From October 2012, employers will be required by law to automatically enrol all their eligible employees into a Qualifying Workplace Pension Scheme (QWPS).

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• TIMETABLE FOR CLUBS EMPLOYING LESS THAN 50 EMPLOYEES:

• Over 18 dates from 1st August 2014 to 1st February 2016.