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	Legislation	Details and stage of legislation
1.	Non Domestic Rate (Lists) Bill 2017-19	Next Stage: Goes to the House of Lords in September Brings revaluation forward from 2022 to 2021 - changes revaluation from 5 years to 3 years - changes date of draft list from 31/12 to 30/9
2.	GVA Grimley – NHS Mandatory Relief	Next Stage: Goes to court of appeal in November. Govt have already funded through public funding, likely to request return of this from NHS and use to refund BA's
3.	Breathing Space	Action CM: Review of policies by CM during 2020/21 Next Stage: To be introduced from April 2021 Bill not introduced yet - but before 31/12/2019 https://www.gov.uk/government/consultations/breathing-space-scheme-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal/breathing-space-scheme-consultation-on-a-policy-proposal Government commitment to support vulnerable consumers, stop problem debt occurring and help people out of problem debt. 60 day period of time to see advice and find a solution. For CT only monthly arrears, not ongoing debt, unless lost right to pay by instalments
4.	Non Domestic Rates (Public lavatories) Bill	Next Stage: Funding from central govt. to be confirmed Introduced 18.6.19, 2nd reading 10.7.19 Provides 100% relief to public toilets - public and private owned - free or charge for use - mandatory
5.	Hospital (Parking charges and business rates) Bill 2017-19	Next Stage: Awaiting next date for reading to be announced Introduced September 2017 2nd reading due 11.05.18 - objected and postponed to 15.3.19 - objected again and postponed To prohibit charging for car parking at NHS Hospitals for patients and visitors; to make provision for NHS Hospitals to be exempt from business rates; and for connected purposes

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6.	Central Rating List (England)(Amendments) Regulations 2019	<p>Action Central Govt: Laid 01.03.19, Effective 01.04.19 NO LONGER IN CENTRAL LIST FROM 2021 Updates central list regulations (SI 2005/551). Recognises split between national grid as an electricity generation asset and a system operator. From 2021 properties occupied by National Grid Electricity System Operator LTD will not be shown on the central list</p>
7.	Non Domestic Rating (Preparation for Digital Services) Bill 2017-19	<p>Action Central Govt: House of commons into 25.04.19, 2nd reading 13.05.19, committee and 3rd reading 20.05.19. Lords 1st reading 21.05.19, 2nd 11.06.19 CONSULTATION AND COLLABORATION NEEDED Allows HMRC to invest in digitising NDR. New design of the system will not come in to force until after the next reval in 2024</p>