



## **When do you need legal advice?**

The Business Link website lists nine key areas where you may find it useful to take professional legal advice:

- Company structure - whether to trade as self-employed, a partnership or a limited company, and to make sure the proper legal agreements are drawn up.
- Business premises – buying or renting business premises, negotiating and making sure you understand the terms of your lease.
- Dealing with regulations - many new regulations are specific to particular sectors. You need to be aware if they apply to you.
- Contract terms and service levels - you should be sure of your legal responsibilities to customers and suppliers.
- Protecting your business ideas and confirming ownership - making sure any intellectual property rights to your product or service are protected and that you're not infringing the rights of other businesses.
- Finance - the legal implications of raising finance - for example on your home - and agreeing terms with the lender.
- Debt control - protecting you against bad debts and advice on debt collecting and recovering debt through court.
- Franchising - anyone thinking of buying a franchise needs to check all the small print with a specialist lawyer.
- Employment law matters.

If you wish to discuss any of the above issues with a solicitor contact Finn Gledhill.