

The Editor's note

Welcome to the first edition of the Cornerstone Barristers Leisure Newsletter.

The idea behind this new publication is to provide some regular, topical and up-to-date commentary on the issues that affect the leisure industry. Cornerstone's expertise across the fields of Licensing and Planning mean we are ideally placed to give interesting perspectives on this vital sector and you can expect to see articles ranging from roll-your-sleeves-up practical tips and guidance through to the kind of forward-looking think-pieces that can help stimulate debate ahead of the curve.

In this first edition we have just that: Philip Kolvin QC, head of our chambers and newly appointed as the Chair of the Mayor of London's Night Time Commission, shares his thoughts on future attitudes to the development of, and regulation of, the night-time economy; Matt Lewin and I reflect on the latest developments in the saga that is minimum unit pricing for alcohol; Jack Parker explains how to go about converting your leisure use premises to residential and points out some pitfalls, and Kuljit Bhogal – head of the Cornerstone Housing Team - provides a customarily practical guide to the powers available to close commercial – including of course leisure – premises that are causing problems.

I hope you enjoy the first issue. As editor I would be delighted to receive feedback, suggestions and comments on the contents.

Josef Cannon
Editor