

## **Formation of limited companies**

Forming or buying a limited company is easy. It can be done online and the cost can be modest. We can assist if needed.

However, a standard shelf purchase will rarely have the Articles that you need to ensure that the company is suitable for your purpose.

Please talk to us when you want to set up a company and we can help ensure that it is suited to your requirements.

## **Which business structure should you use?**

You can operate a business as a sole trader, as a partnership, as a limited liability partnership or as a limited company. There are some other, more esoteric options, but the first four are the most likely options.

How should you choose between them? Will your decision be based on the risk profile of your business? Or will it be driven by a need to bring in investors? Perhaps it will be tax that helps you choose.

We can assist you in deciding which would be the most appropriate for you.

## **Group structures**

Do you need just one company, or would it be better to have a group structure with a holding company and various subsidiaries?

There are accounting, tax and legal reasons to consider.

We can help guide you through the process.

### **Share capital**

There are many different ways in which you can categorise share capital.

Can all shares vote equally? Do they all receive dividends equally?

Can some shareholders appoint director(s), whereas others cannot?

Do you have preference shares? Are they redeemable, or preferential?

Why would you have alphabet shares (A Shares/B Shares/C Shares and so forth)?

Do you have shareholders who are not involved in the business, perhaps wives/husbands?

Let us help you understand the difference between the various types of shares, and how they can work for you and your business.

It is easy to get it wrong, and we guarantee you will not find out until it is too late!