

I Disagree With My Landlord's Service Charge Statement Now What?

| Is the property commercial or residential? | |
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| Has your landlord agreed to abide by a service charge code? | |
| What do the service charge provisions in the lease allow the landlord to charge for? | |
| Has your proportion of the service charge contribution been calculated correctly in accordance with the lease? | |
| Is there a cap on the service charge in the lease and has this been applied? | |
| Does your landlord need to serve any statutory notices before proceeding? | |
| Is there a dispute procedure in the service charge provisions, such as reference to an arbitrator or expert? | |
| Is there a sinking fund or a reserve fund to provide for substantial items of expenditure? | |
| Seek legal advice on whether the landlord has correctly issued the service charge statement in accordance with the lease. | |
| If you can't reach an agreement, seek legal advice about taking next steps against the landlord. | |

If you would like to discuss any issues raised by this alert or break options generally, please do not hesitate to contact a member of our Real Estate Litigation team.

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