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Tech Connect Newsletter

Welcome to the June edition of our Tech Connect Newsletter.

Over recent months we have seen technology solutions play an important part in the response to the global pandemic, both in terms of continuity and planning for life after lockdown. In this edition we include two short podcasts, looking at mental health platform, Fika, and the importance of operational resilience in light of COVID-19. We also examine how to deal with the most common legal issues arising as a result of COVID-19.

We hope you enjoy and are keeping safe and well.

If you have any questions about the content below, or have any suggestions for future topics, please do get in touch.

Podcasts



Fika Community and Mental Fitness

In this podcast Megan Paul, Hamish Perry and Tanya Wilkie are joined by Gareth Fryer, Co-Founder of Fika, a customisable mental health improvement platform. Gareth discusses the start-up of the company, its mission to mainstream 'Mental Fitness' and gives insights into his own mental health.

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Operational Resilience

In this podcast Chris Ingram, Mark Bailey and Christina Fleming discuss the importance of operational resilience in light of COVID-19 and look at what lessons can be learnt from the financial services sector and applied in other contexts.

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Insights



COVID-19: Considerations for companies

We have produced a toolkit to set out some of the key issues for companies and directors, focusing on supporting employees, protecting company finances and commercial relationships and dealing with real estate issues.

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Force Majeure and Frustration Flowchart

The contractual issues highlighted more than any other by the COVID-19 pandemic are the force majeure clause and the principle of frustration. This flowchart is designed to help you with a systematic practical approach to these key concepts.

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The COVID-19 Crisis – Returning to Work Briefing

As the Government announces the easing of some restrictions and people return to work, there will be both short term challenges for businesses with continued social distancing requirements, as well as long term changes to the way we work.

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Blog

Data centre deals defy the COVID-19 pandemic [Ruby Dalal](#)

The data centre market remains as strong as ever, even in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, with 2020 seeing some of the biggest deals on the market close.

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Apple and Google's Covid-19 collaboration given the tentative thumbs up by ICO [Olivia Crane](#)

Apple and Google announced that they are working together on application programming interfaces (APIs) that would facilitate the communication between iOS and Android devices.

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Batteries not included....? [Phil Webb](#)

Landowners should consider whether there are any opportunities from the growth in battery storage for renewable energy generation.

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