



There were six issues before the Upper Tribunal in *Urban Splash Work Ltd v Ridgeway* [2018] UKUT 0032 (LC). It is one of my favourite decisions, and the one that I would take to a desert island.

It was probably the most unassuming dispute at the outset, but the appeal resulted in a wonderful analysis from Martin Rodger QC that is in itself an education in some of the more detailed points of the law of service and variable administration charges. The six issues were:

- 1-3: the amount of the service charges payable for years ending 2010; 2011 and 2016, including the quality of evidence required, rights of set off and whether the service charge was contractually payable;
- 4: whether provision of an accountant's certificate was a condition precedent to the lessees' liability to pay;
- 5: whether certain variable administration charges – mainly managing agents debt recovery fees – were recoverable, and
- 6: section 20C.

