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Here is the latest information for local authorities about the Local Land Charges Programme and the migration of local authorities' data to the live service.

Transition payments - Our new financial support scheme

It is Government's ambition to migrate all LLC data to HM Land Registry's digital register by 2025. To support local authorities with their migration activity, we have introduced a transition payment scheme. This additional £26 million fund will provide further financial support to help local authorities migrate their LLC service. On 19 April 2021, we wrote to all local authorities setting out the details of the scheme and what this means for them.

Payments are based on the size of the housing market that the local authority's service covers and the value of their LLC data. The payments are in addition to the existing burdens payments and are conditional upon local authorities meeting delivery schedule milestones, which will be agreed with you in advance. For details about what this means for your local authority, please contact your Delivery Manager.

For more information on the transition payments scheme and the wider programme, please see our Programme Director Mark Kelso's blog.

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The launch of our Migration Hub

Last month saw the launch of our Migration Hub. This new platform is our central repository for information to help local authorities at all stages of their migration journey.

From the landing page, you will see areas with targeted resources and quidance to cover topics such as:

- migrating your LLC service;
- key learnings from previous migrations;
- archived communications such as webinars and newsletters; and
- information to support customers across your locality.

We will manage the Migration Hub as a live service, with new resources and updates to guidance added as the programme progresses.

As discussed in April's newsletter, we have closed our local authority and customer pages on Khub. Thank you to everyone who contributed over the years. We look forward to engaging with you on the Migration Hub.

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Latest local authorities to join our register

We are pleased to confirm that Stockton-on-Tees Borough Council, Spelthorne Borough Council, Sevenoaks District Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council all joined the central digital register in April and May.

The next authority to join our register will be Welwyn Hatfield Borough Council on 26 May.

For a full update on all local authorities who have joined and are soon to join HM Land Registry's Register, please see our GOV.UK page.

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Reviewing our events

In April, we held the last of our migration journey webinars for this series, with local authorities migrating in FY 2023/24 (Year 3) and FY 2024/25 (Year 4) attending. We extend our thanks to everyone who participated in our events this year. Your feedback will directly inform how we move forward as a programme.

We will continue to run webinars to share new announcements and guide you on your migration journey over the coming year. In the summer, we are planning to host joint events with incumbent suppliers. More details will follow on these events as they take shape.

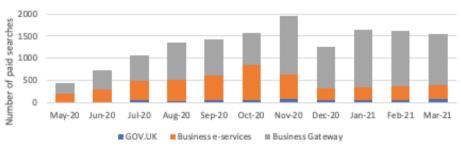
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Service statistics

This graph illustrates the number of official searches purchased through HM Land Registry's business channels for migrated local authorities.

In the first three months of 2021, we saw sustained high volumes of searches sold through our channels. With new authorities joining the register and the extension of the SDLT holiday until June, we expect this trend to continue and increase. We will continue to work with both local authorities and the conveyancing sector to aid the recovery of the property market.

Volume of paid for searches by channel for migrated local authorities



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Feedback

As always, your feedback is important, as it ensures we can continue to make improvements that refine the service. Please email our team inbox with any comments.

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Kind regards

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