



Newsletter May 2022

The latest information about the Local Land Charges (LLC) Programme and the migration of local authorities' data to the central LLC Register.

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A bumper month for migrations

The pace of our migrations has increased in recent weeks as we welcome seven new local authorities to the national digital register. Property buyers, developers, and policymakers can now benefit from instant search results that are crucial to buying decisions in 40 local authority areas across England and Wales.

The [latest local authority](#) areas you can search online are:

- City and County of Swansea Council
- [City of Lincoln Council](#)
- Harborough District Council
- Isle of Wight Council
- Newcastle-under-Lyme Borough Council
- Portsmouth City Council
- Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council.

Read more about the strides we continue to make in [Programme Director Mark Kelso's, latest blog](#).

Swansea Council leads the way for Wales

We are incredibly encouraged to see that within 12 months of starting their migration, Swansea Council has become the very first Welsh authority to join the national register. Swansea Council's migration is a great example of how learning from previously migrated authorities and a proactive stance can speed up the process.

[In April 2021](#), the Local Land Charges (Fees) (Wales) Rules 2021 came into force. These rules aligned the Welsh Local Land Charges (LLC) service fees payable to the Chief Land Registrar, with those payable in England. This change enabled Welsh local authorities to transfer their LLC data to the national register. Swansea is the first of 22 Welsh local authorities to migrate their service to the register.

We will shortly share details of Swansea's journey through a podcast interview with their Senior Responsible Officer.



Local Land Charges INSPIRE dataset to be published

HM Land Registry is pleased to announce plans to publish its LLC INSPIRE dataset in May 2022. The dataset will be made available free of charge under [Open Government Licence \(OGL\)](#). In accordance with INSPIRE regulations, users will have access to a unique reference number known as an INSPIRE ID. These represent spatial extents affected by Local Land Charges. Data users may identify, share and merge environmental information with other datasets.

The dataset will be published on the Use land and property data service platform in a downloadable format. Local authorities who have migrated their LLC service to the national register will automatically have their data published, making them compliant with INSPIRE regulations. As a result, there is no requirement to publish LLC datasets independently.

More details about the dataset will be available when the information is published.



Events calendar

Swansea event

On 11 May 2022, we will celebrate Swansea Council's achievement of becoming the first local authority in Wales to transfer its LLC service onto the national register. Our team in partnership with [IQ Legal](#) and [Swansea Council](#) will host the free event at the [Swansea Marriott Hotel](#). LLC customers and local authorities are encouraged to register now as spaces are limited.

Register here

Event details

- Time: 9.30am to 12 midday
- Location: [Swansea Marriott Hotel](#) (Maritime Quarter, Swansea, SA1 3SS)
- Free lunch and refreshments will be provided.

We have several more events scheduled in May including the Residential Property Law and Conveyancing Update, COPSO Conference and Commercial Property Law Update. These events provide an opportunity for our customers and stakeholders to meet us virtually and in-person.

June regional events

We have arranged a series of one-day local authority regional events in June. These events in the North, Midlands and South are designed to equip local authorities with important migration information and provide an opportunity to interact with our experts.

Authorities who have completed their migration will share testimonials of their experience and how the Live

Service works. Attendees will be able to see how the delivery plan for migration is compiled and agreed, how the register is updated in real time and find out the role they need to undertake when their service goes live.

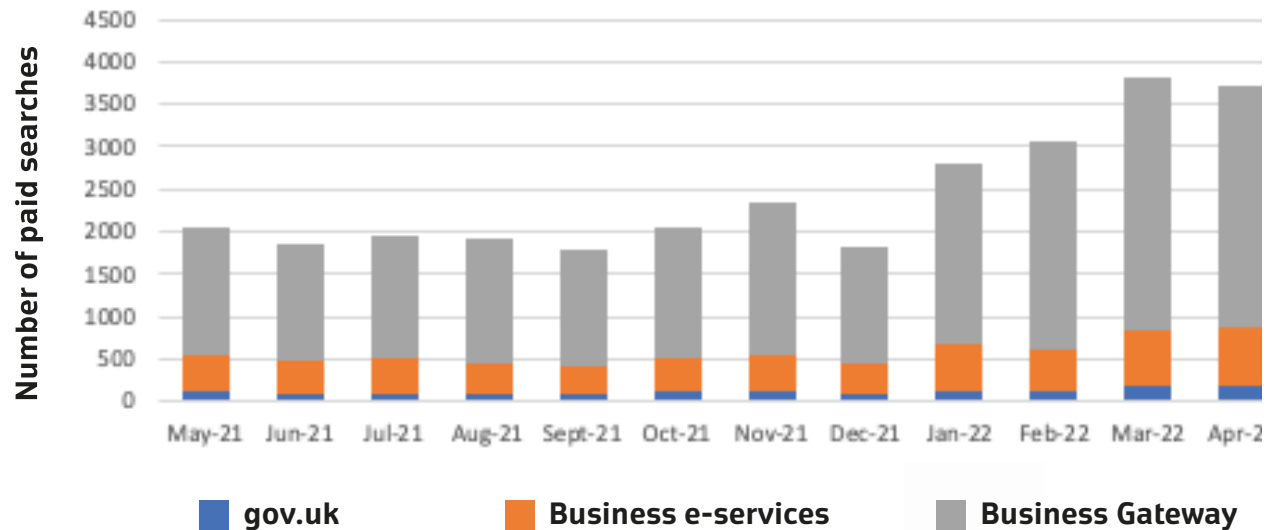
Date	Time	Location	Virtual or In-person
20 June 2022	10am – 4pm	North - Manchester	In-person
21 June 2022	10am – 4pm	Midlands - Leicester	In-person
23 June 2022	10am – 4pm	South - Southampton	In-person

More information to follow in next month's newsletter.

The national LLC Register usage

This graph illustrates the number of [official searches](#) purchased through HM Land Registry's business channels for migrated local authorities. Search activities are on the increase in 2022 with twelve local authorities joining the register since January.

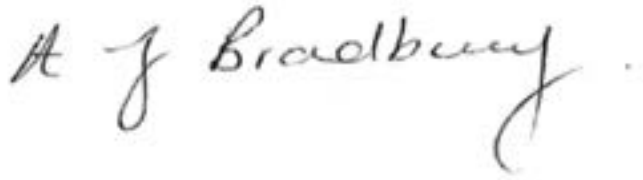
Number of paid for searches by channel for migrated Local Authorities



Feedback

Your feedback is important to us and will be used to improve and refine our service. Please [contact our team](#) with your comments.

Kind regards

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