# **Newsletter October 2021**

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

# Over one million charges in the LLC Register

I am delighted to announce that the LLC Register has received its one millionth charge, following the last data load from Bromsgrove, Redditch and Tameside. This is our latest significant data milestone, which is a product of acceleration in local authority migrations.

The number of migrations gathering pace can also be seen in the fact that last month we served the highest number of notices to date, leading to six local authorities going live this month. These are Bromsgrove, Redditch, Tameside, Newark and Sherwood, Blackburn with Darwen and Hambleton.

With our new engagement strategy, increased resources and new delivery partners onboarded, we expect local authorities will experience a smoother more seamless migration delivery.

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# IQ Legal prepares conveyancers

We have teamed up with IQ Legal, a legal training firm, to deliver a series of webinars to our conveyancing customers. As well as offering best practice advice, the session gives a legal perspective on the impact of the LLC Register to existing due diligence processes for local land charges and other property searches. During the first session for conveyancers in Dudley, a team of LLC experts discussed the Register's benefits and demonstrated how the LLC search service works.

These webinars are part of LLC's wider efforts in reaching out to illustrate how our collaboration with search companies, conveyancers, estate agents and lenders is streamlining the conveyancing processes. The response so far has been positive, as Christina Varidel, Alliances Analyst at InfoTrack explains:

"Over the last two years, we have witnessed a gradual shift in the processing of conveyancing searches. We are moving from the days where property information is manually assessed against paper plans and addresses that regularly differ from one authority to another. Property transactions slow when the conveyancer must answer post-order enquiries regarding a property's location or boundary extent.

The creation of the HM Land Registry's LLC1 Register is a bold move which has enabled InfoTrack's software to validate, electronically request and get results within seconds of the conveyancer selecting 'order'. It's a secure, accurate, and instantaneous exchange of property information."

Our Customer Engagement Team will continue to work with IQ Legal to prepare and support conveyancers as they transition to the new service. This will ensure that customers and stakeholders can start enjoying the benefits of the national LLC Register as soon their areas go live.

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## Transition payment milestones

In May, we announced the introduction of the new transition payments to help local authorities speed up their data transfer to the LLC Register. As we begin to accelerate migrations, we would like to remind you of the conditions for payment as laid out below:

#### Milestone 1: The Collaboration Agreement must be signed within six weeks of the mobilisation meeting

The mobilisation meeting is conducted between HM Land Registry and the local authority. Within six weeks of the meeting, the local authority Senior Responsible Officer needs to agree and sign-off the: date of migration;

- delivery plan;
- completed Collaboration Agreement.

The local authority will also need to allocate resource to the migration and collaborate in the data discovery activity. The first 30% of payment will be issued when the local authority formally enters service migration.

#### Milestone 2: Service must transfer to the LLC Register by the date agreed in the Delivery Plan

The final 70% of payment is made after the service goes live. This is subject to notice being served by the date agreed in the Delivery Plan.

More details on the transition payments can be found on the Migration Hub. Please speak to your Delivery Manager or email our team inbox if you have any further questions.

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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.

Although no new local authorities joined the register in August, we still recorded the same levels of search activity. This is expected to increase as we welcome more authorities into the central register and continue to help speed up transactions in migrated areas.



#### Volume of paid for searches by channel for migrated local authorities

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## Feedback

Your feedback is important to us and will be used to improve and refine our service. Please email our team inbox with your comments.

Kind regards

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