

# Newsletter April 2022

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

Where we are with migration

We have kept up the volume of migration and by the end of April we will have accumulated over two million charges in the register and migrated 40 local authorities (LAs) in total, including our first Welsh LA in Swansea. We have also reached another milestone with over 250,000 personal and official searches completed since the live service began. So, as we start a new financial year, we are looking forward to another round of migrations and continue to count on your support and that of our partners and stakeholders.

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Review of new burdens payments

HM Land Registry is committed to making new burdens payments to LAs for all the work they are required to undertake in migrating their local land charges data to the digital register.

In 2021 we conducted a review to assess the impact of burdens after three years on the live register. We surveyed LAs and stakeholders and after carefully considering all the feedback, we haven’t identified a net burden to LAs after the three years. Therefore, new burdens payments won’t continue after this point.

- This position does not change our current new burdens approach and you will continue to:
- receive compensation for the cost of migrating your service
  - have access to all the tools and resources of the Programme at no cost
  - receive the improved LLC dataset back into your systems at our expense (unless you choose not to do so).

We understand the pressures many authorities face which is why, in addition to the burden payments, we also introduced transition payments. This makes more than £40 million in cash available to LAs via burdens and [transition payments](#). This represents a good overall deal for LAs that goes significantly beyond what is required under the new burdens doctrine.

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Our events calendar

March has been another busy month for our stakeholder engagement calendar. We started with a webinar for LAs migrating in 2024. We introduced and walked them through the processes and timescales as they prepare for their migrations. If you missed this session, [click here to watch the recording](#).

The annual Local Land Charges Training & Development conference was held virtually, and we are currently responding to all enquiries from the event. The event hosted by Land Data and supported by the Local Land Charges Institute had more than 200 LAs in attendance.

The [Annual National Local Government](#) at the Kia Oval in London was our final event of the financial year. I gave a case study presentation whilst the team engaged with attendees at our exhibit stand. The event was hosted by the Institute of Government & Public Policy and brought together government, academia, and senior leaders from across the Local Government sector.

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The first national LLC Register milestone

March has seen the highest usage of the national register in one month since migrations began, with more than 3,800 searches recorded. We have also reached a milestone with the overall figure for both personal and official searches conducted through our Business E-services, Business Gateway and GOV.UK channels exceeding 250,000.

This graph illustrates the number of [official searches](#) purchased through HM Land Registry’s business channels for migrated LAs. Search activities are expected to increase from now on with six more LAs joining the register in April.

Number of paid for searches by channel for migrated Local Authorities

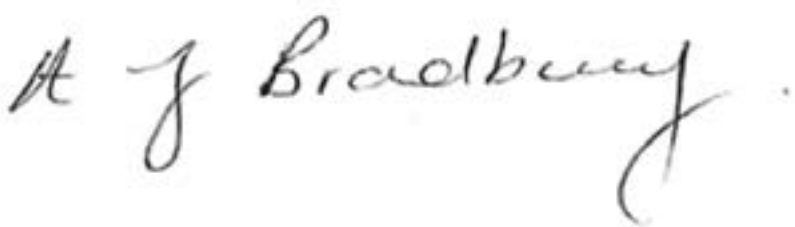


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Feedback

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

Kind regards



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