National local land charges service available in Wales

News story

Welsh local authorities can transfer their Local Land Charges (LLC) services to HM Land Registry's national register from 1 April 2021.



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From today (1 April 2021), the Local Land Charges (Fees) (Wales) Rules 2021 come into force. These rules align the Welsh Local Land Charges (LLC) service fees payable to the Chief Land Registrar with those payable in England. It will enable the transfer of Welsh local authority LLC data to the central register.

Allison Bradbury, Head of Local Land Charges Implementation, said:

The LLC programme has worked closely with the Welsh Government to support the Local Land Charges (Fees) consultation and legislation introduction.

Welsh local authorities now have an opportunity to benefit from a modernised digital service that takes advantage of speed and simplicity.

The national register provides immediate and lasting benefit to property buyers and local authorities. Buyers who request a search get information instantly, in an easy-to-read standard format, for a fixed fee, enabling timely, effective decision making. The fully digital dataset also supports other local authority service areas, which reduces the operational burden of running an LLC service.

Last December, we shared our ambition to migrate all local authority LLC records in England and Wales to the national register by 2025. Later this

year we will start to migrate the first Welsh local authority records. This will mean that property buyers in Wales will soon have access to instant LLC search results, based on high-quality geospatial data. And local authorities can take advantage of all the benefits these datasets offer. Search results will be available in both English and Welsh.

See <u>Local Land Charges Programme</u> with any questions.

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