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| **TITLE**  | **Electronic Register of Common Land for Wales** |
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The Welsh Government is committed to protecting our common land both now and for future generations. We are leading the way in the UK on the development of electronic registers for common land and town or village greens. This work underpins the on-going implementation of the Commons Act 2006.

Procurement of a supplier to undertake the system design and data migration work will commence in October 2018. This represents a significant investment over five years, with the system scheduled to be in place by Spring 2022.

The proposed solution will transform user access to the registers allowing them to search and browse the registers on-line for the first time. It will also provide a range of other benefits including a standard data management system, more efficient processes and instant information to support agricultural payments and an early and effective response to any future animal disease outbreak on common land.

At the core of this project is partnership and collaborative working. I am grateful to the Commons Registration Authorities across Wales and the members of the Commons Act 2006 Advisory Group for their engagement with the project to date. I am keen for this to continue as we enter the next important phase.

I will continue to update Assembly Members as this project develops.