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| **TITLE**  | **Electronic Register of Common Land for Wales** |
| **DATE**  | **06 June 2019** |
| **BY** | **Lesley Griffiths, Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs** |

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.

Procurement to secure a supplier to undertake the next phase of the project, namely the build of the electronic system and data migration, has been completed. Following a competitive process, the contract has been awarded to SCISYS UK Ltd. SCISYS specialise in working with public organisations to develop tailored professional services and technology solutions addressing critical business problems. They have considerable experience of delivering geospatial applications for a range of public sector clients. This is a very positive outcome for the project in terms of securing the skills and expertise required to undertake this work.

The project remains on schedule for the system 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 future land management schemes and an early and effective response to any future animal disease outbreak on common land.

Collaborative working is now firmly embedded into this project. 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 this next important phase.

I will continue to update Assembly Members as this ground breaking project progresses.