Scotland

Revealing plans for future land registration in Scotland

Scotland's Land Register is a vital national asset that already underpins the Scottish economy. It supports a smooth and safe transaction process while improving intelligence on land and property information across Scotland.

With Registers of Scotland working towards a target of completing the Land Register of Scotland by 2024, the question now is 'what next?' The organisation is already researching its next long term strategic goal 'Documents-to-Data' — which will restructure the land register so it can best serve the future needs of the citizens of Scotland.

The aim is to capture the land register through digital deeds and associated land rights spatially, with ownership held in a structured Party – Right – Land formatted cadastral map. This structured data will then be used to derive products on demand, such as the existing customer-focused title plan and title sheet.

Holding the core information as machine-readable data should deliver significant benefits including: Improved registration times; new derivable products; better country-level intelligence; and better change intelligence.

This will allow Registers of Scotland to provide a better service to the whole land ownership ecosystem and ensure the oldest national land register in the world is also one of the most forward-thinking.

