

## Response ID ANON-CEQC-5NFA-6

Submitted to **Digital Transformation: Next Steps**

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### Part 1 - New digital services in the Keeper's registers

**1 Do you agree that transition to a digital first service should be the next step?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**2 Do you agree with the proposed timescale of 1 April 2018 for prescribing that advance notices over part be fully digital?**

No

**Comments:**

There seems no reason that this cannot be achieved in a shorter timescale.

**3 Do you agree with a notice period of six months?**

No

**Comments:**

Customers could be made aware that this was coming "within 12 months" and then a firm notice period of say 3 or 4 months prior to implementation could be introduced.

**4 Do you agree the initial focus for digital registration, following launch of the digital discharge service, should be provision of channels aimed at standard securities and dispositions?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**5 What deed types do you consider we should prioritise for new services subsequent to securities and dispositions?**

**Comments:**

Deeds of Conditions, grants of servitudes and real burdens etc.

**6 Do you consider that for the limited purpose of dual recording, it should be permissible to record an electronic deed in the sasine register or should be permissible to record a paper copy of the digital deed?**

**Comments:**

Electronic deeds should be preferred over paper copies of digital deeds.

**7 Do you agree that ten working days from the date of digital submission is an appropriate period to allow the prior deeds to be submitted?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**8 Do you have a view on alternative ways you would like to present supporting documents accompanying a digital application?**

Yes

**Comments:**

These should be submitted by email or via a portal, with paper copies as an alternative since some old deeds may not scan/some plans may be too large for electronic submission.

Where these are not quick copies, ROS should have a method in place for accepting a declaration by the submitting solicitor that scans are "true copies" of the principal deed.

### Part 2 - Digital application form and submission process

**9 Do you agree with the main changes that we propose to make to the application form?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**10 Are there any other changes you suggest we should make with a view to simplifying it and making it easier to follow?**

No

**Comments:**

**11 Do you agree that instead of prescribing the content of the application form in the Land Register Rules, the keeper should publish the land registration application form on an administrative basis so that it can be amended from time to time, following consultation and due notice, without the need for changes to be made to the rules?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**12 Do you agree that this approach should be adopted for both applications submitted on paper and applications prepared through a digital service provided by the keeper?**

Yes

**Comments:**

**About You**

**What is your name?**

**Name:**

[REDACTED]

**What is your email address?**

**Email:**

[REDACTED]

**Are you responding as an individual or an organisation?**

Individual

**What is your organisation?**

**Organisation:**

**The Scottish Government would like your permission to publish your consultation response. Please indicate your publishing preference:**

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**We will share your response internally with other Scottish Government policy teams who may be addressing the issues you discuss. They may wish to contact you again in the future, but we require your permission to do so. Are you content for Scottish Government to contact you again in relation to this consultation exercise?**

No

**Evaluation**

**Please help us improve our consultations by answering the questions below. (Responses to the evaluation will not be published.)**

**Matrix 1 - How satisfied were you with this consultation?:**

Slightly satisfied

**Please enter comments here.:**

**Matrix 1 - How would you rate your satisfaction with using this platform (Citizen Space) to respond to this consultation?:**

Very satisfied

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