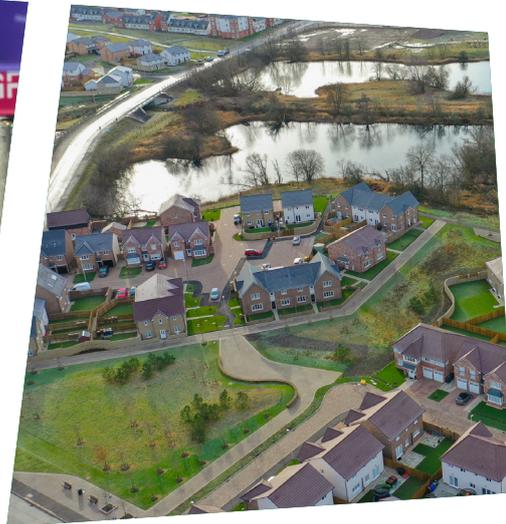




SCOTTISH LAND COMMISSION  
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# Programme of Work

September 2023 – March 2025



Our Programme of Work sets out the planned work for the Scottish Land Commission to deliver on our Strategic Plan. The Land Reform (Scotland) Act 2016 requires the Commission to publish a Programme of Work and for it to be laid in Parliament.

Our Programme of Work takes an 18-month time horizon, and we expect to update it as required so that our work remains relevant and can respond to changing priorities within the period of the Strategic Plan. The delivery and resourcing arrangements in each financial year are set out in our annual business plans.

# Our Programme of Work for the period September 2023 – March 2025



## Advising on reforms to law, policy and practice:

We will provide evidence, analysis and advice to Scottish Ministers, Parliament and stakeholders.

		
<b>Legislative reforms</b>	Provide advice, analysis and evidence as required to inform development and implementation of legislative reforms.	Ongoing
<b>More diverse land governance</b>	<p>Advise and promote opportunities in policy and practice to support more diverse models of land governance, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Stimulating fresh thinking beyond current approaches to property rights</li> <li>• Providing guidance and advice to support innovative practice</li> <li>• Informing new approaches to land, housing and natural resource governance.</li> </ul>	September 23 – March 25
<b>Approaches to land valuation</b>	<p>Review and research bringing scrutiny to approaches to land valuation, with a focus on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Treatment of non-market value and public value</li> <li>• Learning from international practice</li> <li>• Considering land and its value as a national strategic resource.</li> </ul>	March 24 – March 25
<b>Land assembly for development</b>	Convene a community of practice to support collaborative land assembly approaches and inform policy and practice enabling development.	September 23 – March 25
<b>Vacant and derelict land</b>	Review progress to maintain momentum in delivering on the recommendations of the Vacant and Derelict Land Taskforce.	September 23 – March 24



## Supporting practical implementation of Scotland's Land Rights and Responsibilities Statement (LRRS):

We will provide advice and guidance to help people and organisations implement the LRRS principles.

		
<b>Good practice in land ownership, use and management</b>	Develop and support implementation of practical Land Rights and Responsibilities Protocols with accompanying guidance and case studies.	Ongoing
	Deliver an ongoing programme of engagement and continuous professional development for land agents and other professionals in collaboration with partners.	Ongoing
	Provide advice for land owners and managers seeking to be proactive in implementing the LRRS.	Ongoing
	Provide advice to communities and land owners where concerns are raised about implementation of the LRRS to support good practice.	Ongoing
	Convene the Good Practice Advisory Group as a regular means of stakeholder engagement and collaboration.	Ongoing
<b>Community benefits and wealth building from land use change and natural capital</b>	Publish guidance and support innovative practice to ensure land use change and nature finance create social and economic benefits for local communities, including convening the Community Benefits Advisory Group.	September 23 – September 24



## Promoting good relations between agricultural landlords and tenants through the functions of the Tenant Farming Commissioner:

We will support delivery of the statutory functions of the Tenant Farming Commissioner, seeking synergies with our wider work programme.

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<b>Codes of Practice, guidance and casework</b>	Ensure codes and guidance address current and emerging issues to support good relations.	Ongoing
	Respond to casework enquiries or alleged breaches of Codes of Practice.	Ongoing
<b>Relinquishment and assignation of agricultural tenancies</b>	Fulfil the statutory requirement to appoint a valuer when required to enable relinquishment and assignation of agricultural tenancies.	Ongoing
<b>Role of agents – progress review</b>	Review progress against the TFC’s recommendations in the 2018 review of the conduct of professional agents of agricultural landlords and tenants.	September 23 – March 24
<b>Tenant Farming Advisory Forum</b>	Convene the Forum as a regular means of stakeholder engagement and collaboration.	Ongoing



## Engaging people in why land matters and how they can be involved:

We will involve the public and stakeholders in our work, build collaboration and use our convening role to bring different expertise and perspectives together with a shared focus.

		
<b>Public engagement</b>	Stimulating and informing the public conversation on land and land reform through publications, blogs, media and communications.	Ongoing
<b>Communications and events</b>	Running a programme of online and in-person events to help develop understanding and involvement in issues involving land in Scotland.	Ongoing
<b>Convening stakeholders</b>	Convening discussions to promote collaboration and insights across sectors related to land as required and through standing groups including the Community Land Leadership Group, Land and Human Rights Advisory Forum, Tenant Farming Advisory Forum, Good Practice Advisory Forum.	Ongoing



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