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Glastir Commons extensions: additional information

We are offering to extend Glastir Commons contracts that are due to end on 31 December 2021.

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Please make sure that you read your extended contract carefully. You also need to read the information below.

If you have any further questions or queries contact [Rural Payments Wales](#).

Why you are being offered an extension to your contract?

We want to keep the valuable environmental benefits being delivered by existing contract holders.

How long will your contract be extended for?

The Minister for Environment, Energy and Rural Affairs announced in September that Glastir contracts would be extended to the end of 2023.

Glastir Commons contracts ending 31 December 2021 will be extended by 1 year. They will end on 31 December 2022.

A further 1 year extension will be offered next year commencing on 1 January 2023 and ending on 31 December 2023.

The extended contract will be the same as your current contract that expires 31 December 2021.

You will need to accept your extension within the deadline

The contract will be offered via RPW Online. You will then need to accept this contract via RPW online within 21 days of the contract offer.

Your current Glastir contract will end if you do not accept the extension by the deadline.

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Declining your extension

You do not need to take any action if you wish to decline the extension. The contract will not be available to accept after 21 days have passed.

If you decide not to extend your contract, you will not need to repay any payments made under:

- the original contract, or
- current renewed contract, and
- any subsequent extended or renewed contract(s)

Ongoing commitments if you decline the offer

There are no ongoing contractual commitments. But, you are reminded:

- to continue to observe all the appropriate regulatory requirements. E.g. Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) on land qualifying as habitat
- you may need to get an EIA screening decision before undertaking any agricultural improvement work

Claiming your annual payment

You must continue to claim for your annual payment via the Common Land Element claim as per your original contract.

You must also ensure the declared crops and areas correctly reflect the requirements for any management option.

Impact on payments received under your original Glastir contract if you breach during the

extension period of your renewed contract

Your renewed contract is a new contract and separate from your original 5 year contract.

If breaches are discovered during the extended period, we will apply penalties to your renewal period claims.

If the evidence shows that the breach occurred during the original contract period, we may apply penalties to claims already paid.

Depending on the severity of the breach, we may end your original and/or renewal contract, and recover all monies paid.

Additional land acquired (bought/rented) during your time in Glastir Commons

As this is an extension of your existing contract, it only applies to land covered by original Glastir contracts.

Making amendments to the Grazing Association

You must notify RPW of any Grazing Association member changes **within 30 days**.

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