



## CÙRAM IS SLÀINTE NAN EILEAN SIAR WESTERN ISLES INTEGRATION JOINT BOARD

### ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2024

**Under Regulation 9 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014, Local Authorities and Integration Joint Boards are required to:**

Make copies of the unaudited accounts for the preceding financial year ending on 31 March available for public inspection on their websites for a period of 15 working days, commencing no later than 1 July.

The Comhairle was subject to a cyber-attack on 7 November 2023, which resulted in the loss of systems and data. This seriously disrupted financial processes and as Health and Social Care Services managed by the Comhairle are included within the Integration Scheme, it was not possible to complete the accounts in line with the statutory deadline of 30 June 2024. The unaudited accounts have now been completed and notice is given that:

- a. Copies of the unaudited accounts of Cùram is Slàinte nan Eilean Siar **for the year ended 31 March 2024** will be available for public inspection on the Comhairle website [www.cne-siar.gov.uk](http://www.cne-siar.gov.uk) and on the NHS Eileanan Siar website [www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk](http://www.wihb.scot.nhs.uk) from Tuesday 12 November 2024 to Monday 2 December 2024.
- b. Any person interested may request an electronic copy of the accounts to be audited and all associated documents related thereto and may request copies of any or all parts of the accounts. Where it is not possible to provide information electronically the Council will contact individuals to provide access when there is no longer a significant risk of the transmission of coronavirus. The change in this process has been made in response to the coronavirus pandemic using powers contained in the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020.
- c. Any person interested may object to the accounts or to any part of those accounts, no later than 4.00pm Wednesday 3 December 2024 by:
  1. sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, to the auditor, Claire Gardiner (Audit Director), Audit Scotland, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, 102 West Port, Edinburgh, EH3 9DN email ([cgardiner@audit-scotland.gov.uk](mailto:cgardiner@audit-scotland.gov.uk)) and;
  2. sending a copy of that objection and statement to the Chief Executives and to any officer who may be concerned, at Council Offices, Sandwick Road, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis, HS1 2BW and/or Health Board Offices, 37 South Beach Street, Stornoway, Isle of Lewis HS1 2BB.
- d. The auditor shall, if requested by the person objecting, the authority, or by any officer of the authority who may be concerned, afford to that person or authority or officer, an opportunity of appearing before and being heard by the auditor with respect to that objection; and any such person or officer may so appear and be heard either personally or by a representative.

**Nick Fayers**  
**Chief Officer**