

North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board

Annual Accounts for the period from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021 Notice Of Postponement

Regulation 10(1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 require a local authority to meet to consider the audited accounts and to aim to approve those accounts for signature no later than 30 September. Regulation 11 (1) to (3) of the 2014 Regulations also places a duty on a local authority to publish their annual accounts on a website no later than 31 October. It must also publish every further report provided by the auditor that relates to the signed annual accounts on a website no later than 31 December.

As a result of the Coronavirus pandemic, the Scottish Government passed legislation (the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020) that allows changes to the timescales contained within the 2014 Regulations in relation to both the unaudited and audited accounts. Schedule 6 (paragraph 8) of the 2020 Act allows an extension to the deadlines contained within the 2014 Regulations.

North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board met the 2014 Regulation original deadline of 30 June 2021 and the requirement to meet to consider the unaudited accounts by 31 August. However, the process for approval and publication of the audited accounts for North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board will be based on the revised timetable permitted by the 2020 Act.

This statement is published in accordance with paragraphs 8(4) and 10(2) of the Coronavirus (Scotland) Act 2020, which require any decision to postpone publication of its audited accounts to be made public on or before the date by which the report is due, or as soon as reasonably practicable after this date.

It is the intention of the North Lanarkshire Integration Joint Board that their annual accounts will be inspected and presented for approval by 31 December 2021 and published by 31 January 2022.

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