



## **ANNUAL ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2021**

**Notice is hereby given under Regulation 9 (1) of the Local Authority Accounts (Scotland) Regulations 2014 that:**

- a) Copies of the unaudited accounts of Inverclyde Council for the year ended 31 March 2021 will be available for public inspection on the Council's website: <https://www.inverclyde.gov.uk/council-and-government/finance/financial-statements/pre-audit-inspection-period-for-annual-accounts> from Thursday 22nd July 2021 to Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> August 2021, both days inclusive.
- b) Any person interested may request an electronic copy of the abstracts of the accounts to be audited, all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts 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 4.00 pm Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> August by:
  1. sending their objection in writing, together with a statement of the grounds thereof, to the auditor, Brian Howarth (Audit Director), Audit Scotland, 4<sup>th</sup> Floor, South Suite, The Athenaeum Building, 8 Nelson Mandela Place, Glasgow, G2 1BT or email (bhowarth@audit-scotland.gov.uk) and;
  2. sending a copy of that objection and statement to the Chief Executive and to any officer of the authority who may be concerned, both at Inverclyde Council, Municipal Buildings, Greenock PA15 1LY;
- 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, as the case may be, 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. However due to restrictions put in place by Scottish Government to control the incidence and transmission of Coronavirus, it would be inappropriate for this right to appear before the Auditors to be offered on a face-to-face basis, so any such hearing would be conducted remotely using appropriate electronic communication.