

## EXPLANATORY NOTE

*(This note is not part of the Regulations)*

These Regulations give effect to proposals made by Boundaries Scotland in relation to the future electoral arrangements for the area of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar. The proposals were made in a report by Boundaries Scotland submitted to the Scottish Ministers under section 17(1) of the Local Government (Scotland) Act 1973 and in accordance with section 20 of the Islands (Scotland) Act 2018.

The Regulations apply only for the purposes of local government elections held on or after 5 May 2022.

Paragraphs (1) to (3) of regulation 3 divide the area of Comhairle nan Eilean Siar into 11 electoral wards as described in the schedule of the Regulations and specify the number of councillors in each ward as described in the schedule.

Paragraphs (4) and (5) of regulation 3 describe the boundaries of the electoral wards in Na h-Eileanan an Iar by reference to maps held by Boundaries Scotland and marked with specified information. Prints of these maps are available for inspection at Boundaries Scotland's principal office and on the Boundaries Scotland website. The boundaries of all 11 electoral wards are shown in smaller scale on one map (the Na h-Eileanan an Iar area map) while the boundaries of the individual electoral wards are each shown in larger scale on a separate map for each electoral ward. The electoral ward boundaries as shown on the Na h-Eileanan an Iar area map and the individual electoral ward map are the same but are shown to different scales.