

## **Notification on Audit of Chief Constable Statement of Accounts for 2020/21**

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, due to late finalisation of the 2019/20 financial statements and resourcing and recruitment challenges since. This situation is allowed for by Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, as amended by the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 No. 404. (See attached links:

<http://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10/made> and  
<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2020/404/regulation/2/made>).

Therefore, this notification explains, as per Regulation 10 paragraph (2a), that we are not yet able to publish our audited 2020/21 final statement of accounts in line with publication date of 30th November 2021, as per paragraph (1)

It is expected that this audit will be completed by 30<sup>th</sup> November 2023.