

Notification on Publication of Police & Crime Commissioner & Group Statement of Accounts for 2021/22

The publication of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 has been delayed as the audit of the statement of accounts for the previous year (ending 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. This is because of resourcing issues and recruitment challenges.

The expectation is that the draft accounts will be published by 30th June 2023.

Notification on Audit of Police & Crime Commissioner & Group Statement of Accounts for 2021/22

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 has therefore not yet been completed by our external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, due to late finalisation of the 2019/20 financial statements and resourcing issues 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 once the draft accounts are available we will not be able to publish our audited 2021/22 final statement of accounts in line with publication date of 30th November 2022, as per paragraph (1)

The expectation is that the audit of the 2021/22 financial statements will be complete in early 2024.