

**Notification on Audit of Police & Crime Commissioner & Group
Statement of Accounts for 2019/20**

The external audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 has not yet been completed by our external auditors, Ernst & Young LLP, due to late finalisation of the 2019/20 financial statements and resourcing challenges.

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/uksi/2015/234/regulation/10/made> and <https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/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 2019/20 final statement of accounts in line with publication date of 30th November 2020, as per paragraph (1).