

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 28th July 2020

Subject: 2018/19 Statement of Accounts – Chief Constable and PCC

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Purpose of the Report:

The attached Statement of Accounts documents for 2018/19 Chief Constable and PCC have been submitted and audited. They are reproduced here for information and comment by JASC. They were last brought to the former Joint (Alliance) Audit and Standards Committee in July 2019, and a fuller session was provided to members on the contents of the Accounts. Whilst much of the external audit work had been undertaken at this point, given the ongoing negotiations on the termination of the strategic alliance with West Mercia, further work has been undertaken to finalise the statements over the last 12 months.

Given the elapse of time, the changes to the Statements and the changed Committee structure and membership, further informal training has been provided to members to go through the changes to the Statements since July last year in more detail and to give them an opportunity to review and question in more detail.

The Statement of Accounts for 2018/19 have now been fully audited by Grant Thornton, external auditors for the PCC and Chief Constable and members of the Committee are asked to consider and comment on the Statements prior to formal sign off by the Chief Constable, PCC and their respective staff, as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

Recommendation:

The Audit Committee is recommended to consider and comment on the 2018/19 Statement of Accounts for the Chief Constable and the PCC prior to formal sign off.