

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 21st October 2020

Subject: 2019/20 External Audit findings report – PCC & Chief Constable

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Purpose of the Report:

Work is ongoing on the audit of the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts, and as such this document is included as a draft audit findings report. A verbal update will be provided at the meeting on the audit progress, but it should be noted that the audit work has not been fully completed in advance of issuing these draft audit findings. This will mean that the documents contain some caveats, however these are at a minimum. Work is being prioritised on the audit and being completed as quickly as possible, and further details will be shared with the Committee to enable a fuller discussion at the meeting.

Members of the Committee received a separate training session in July which outlined the role of external audit, current regulations and their reporting processes. This training should help members to fulfil the requirements under the latest Audit Committee guidance by CIPFA for monitoring the external audit process and applies fully to this paper and any subsequent document that are shared.

Recommendation:

The Audit Committee is recommended to consider the draft audit findings report in respect of the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts. Any significant changes to the document will be shared with Committee once the audit is complete. Comments on the draft are invited prior to formal sign off of the Statement of Accounts by the Chief Constable, PCC and their respective staff.