Agenda item: 08

Warwickshire Joint Audit and Standards Committee Report Summary

Meeting Date: 20th December 2021

Subject: 2020-21 Statement of Accounts – Chief Constable and PCC

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Purpose of the Report:

In accordance with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 (The Act) the PCC for Warwickshire and the Chief Constable are both required to produce separate Statements of Accounts. The PCC is also required to produce Group Accounts. Attached to this report is a copy of the PCC's Statement of Accounts for 2020-21. This includes the Group financial statements for the PCC and Chief Constable, the PCC's annual governance statement (AGS) and the single entity financial statements for the PCC.

Recommendation:

The Committee are asked to consider and comment on the draft statements prior to them being finalised and then formally signed off by the Chief Constable, PCC and their respective staff, as required by the Accounts and Audit Regulations.

Background:

The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, amended the latest date for the publication of draft accounts from 31 May to 31 July and the publication of the final audited accounts from 31 July to 30 September. The draft accounts were published by the July deadline, but the completion and publication of the final audited accounts has been delayed and notice to this effect was placed on the PCC and force websites on the 30th September. The completion and sign off of the audit in the next few days will conclude this process.

The Committee have been given a more detailed briefing on the draft Statements, prior to the formal meeting, providing them with an increased opportunity to ask questions and scrutinise the accounts in more detail and to gain greater understanding. The draft Statement of Accounts for 2020-21 have been audited by Grant Thornton, who will provide a verbal update on the actual progress at the meeting as the final stages of the work are being completed. Recent changes regarding pension adjustments and the collection fund have been highlighted and are still subject to finalisation. Further details will be provided during the pre-meet session.