

**CHIEF CONSTABLE OF WEST MERCIA POLICE**  
**ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (ENGLAND & WALES) REGULATIONS 2015 NOTICE**

**Publication of accounts**

Under section 10 of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015, the Chief Constable is required to publish its annual Statement of Accounts by 31 July each year, due to Covid-19 the publishing deadline has been extended for 2020/21 to 30 September 2021.

The Statement of Accounts includes the Chief Constable's Annual Governance Statement and any audit opinion given by the external auditors at this date.

If the audit has not concluded by 30 September the Chief Constable is required to publish the reasons for this under Section 10.2a of the Regulations.

Resource capacity constraints on the part of the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, means that the audit of the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 has not concluded in time to meet the 30 September publication date.

The Draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 was published on the Chief Constables website on the 13<sup>th</sup> July 2021, and will remain available pending conclusion of the audit.

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