

Independent auditor's report to the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police

In our auditor's report issued 28 January 2022, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate for the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police (The "Chief Constable") for the year ended 31 March 2021, in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice, until we had completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2021. We have now completed this work.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2021 issued on 28 January 2022 we reported that, in our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable as at 31 March 2021 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave this opinion.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements - the Chief Constable's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

In our auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2021 issued on 28 January 2022 we reported that we had nothing to report in respect of whether the Chief Constable has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2021.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have resulted in any additional exception reporting on the Chief Constable's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2021.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements – Audit certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police for the year ended 31 March 2021 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Chief Constable, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 43 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Chief Constable those matters we are required to state to the Chief Constable in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Chief Constable as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

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23 September 2022