

Statement of Responsibilities

Responsibilities of the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police

The Chief Constable is required to:

- make arrangements for the proper administration of the Chief Constable's financial affairs and to ensure that one of her officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this organisation that officer is the Director of Commercial Services;
- manage the Chief Constable's affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard the Chief Constable's assets;
- approve the Statement of Accounts.

I accept the above responsibilities and approve these Statement of Accounts for 2021/22.

Pippa Mills
The Chief Constable of West Mercia Police

Date: 22nd March 2023

Responsibilities of the Director of Commercial Services

The Director of Commercial Services is responsible for the preparation of the Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2021/22(the Code).

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Director of Commercial Services has:

- selected suitable accounting policies and applied them consistently;
- made judgements and estimates that were reasonable and prudent;
- complied with the Code.

The Director of Commercial Services has also:

- kept proper accounting records which were up to date;
- taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

The unaudited Statement of Accounts for the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police were issued on 7th July 2022 by authority of the Director of Commercial Services.

I certify that the Statement of Accounts represents a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable of West Mercia Police at the accounting date and of the income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2022.

Richard Muirhead
Director of Commercial Services

Date: 22nd March 2023