

Performance and Resources Scrutiny Programme 2020/21

Report to: the Office of the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex

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1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report includes extracts to the PFCC Group Statement of Accounts, namely a draft Narrative Report and Officers Remuneration and Exit Packages Notes.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 To note and comment on the content of the Narrative Report and Officers Remuneration and Exit Package Notes to be included in the Group Draft Statement of Accounts.

3.0 Executive Summary

- 3.1 This report contains the following extracts of the 2020/21 Draft Statement of Accounts:

- i. PFCC for Essex & Group Narrative Report
- ii. PFCC Group Remuneration and Exit Package Note
- iii. Draft Annual Governance Statement

- 3.2 The unaudited Statement of Accounts must be published by 31st July 2021 with the audited Statement of Accounts being published by 30th September 2021. These extracts will be contained within the full set of draft accounts due to be presented to Strategic Board on the 10th June before being signed by the Section 151 Officer on 14th June.

4.0 Introduction/Background

- 4.1 The provisional outturn position that these accounts are based on is presented as a separate paper. There is significant accounting work to be undertaken over the next few weeks, particularly in relation to the capital account, collection fund, balance sheet, provisions and pensions .
- 4.2 Since preparing this report the Chief Officer Group have approved an appropriation to the Chief Constable's Carry Forward Reserve from the 2020/21 underspend, as permitted within Financial Regulations, and the Narrative Report will be updated within the draft statement of accounts documents to reflect this.
- 4.3 All Command and Departmental budgets have been closed. Corporate Finance are continuing to review the transactions and where there are known outstanding transactions, estimates of these adjustments have been used. Further reviews will be taking place over the coming weeks to ensure financial transactions are recorded in the correct financial year.
- 4.4 Extracts of the Draft Statement of Accounts are shown Appendix A of this report. As these are at an early draft stage there are still some parts that will need updating shown in red text and yellow highlights. The Annual Governance Statement has been initially drafted by the PFCC's Chief Executive with input from the Chief Constable's S151 Officer and is still subject to further review and clarification points.

5.0 Current Work and Performance

- 5.1 The Statement of Accounts extracts for the PFCC Group are shown in Appendix A.

6.0 Implications (Issues)

- 6.1 None.

7.0 Links to Police and Crime Plan Priorities

- 7.1 The Force budget is used to help meet the priorities of the Police and Crime plan.

8.0 Demand – N/A

9.0 Risks/Mitigation

- 9.1 Risk Register URN 452 - Short and Long Term Capital Finance.

10.0 Equality and/or Human Rights Implications – N/A

11.0 Health and Safety Implications – N/A

12.0 Consultation/Engagement

- 12.1 Corporate Finance have engaged with the Chief Constable's Performance and Analysis Unit and the PFCC's Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement to obtain information to include in the Narrative Report. Engagement with the PFCC's Strategic Head of Policy and Public Engagement will continue over the next two weeks.

13.0 Actions for Improvement – N/A

14.0 Future Work/Development and Expected Outcome

Work continues to produce the overall Draft Statement of Accounts ready for external audit inspection and for submission to the June Strategic Board.

15.0 Decisions Required by the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

To note and comment on the content of the Narrative Report and Officers Remuneration and Exit Package Notes to be included in the draft Statement of Accounts.