

Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner for Essex Group, and the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 NOTICE

Publication of the Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion for the PFCC for Essex and the PFCC for Essex Group

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10, as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021

The audit of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2021 for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex and the PFCC for Essex Group has not yet been concluded by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP. According to the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2021, where the audit of accounts relating to the financial year beginning in 2020 has not been concluded before 30 September 2021 the authority must publish a notice stating that it has not been able to publish the Statement of Accounts and its reasons for this.

The external auditors have not been able to complete the audit as they have experienced delays in receiving the Letter of Assurance from the auditors of the Essex Pension Fund (Local Government Pension Scheme Audit). There are also assurances required by the external auditors relating to the Essex Police Officer Pension Scheme.

The audit and issue of the audit opinion is expected to conclude during October 2021 after which the statement of accounts and the audit opinion will be published as soon as is reasonably practicable.

The latest draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021 is available on the PFCC's website, subject to conclusion of the audit.

Please follow the link below for further information:

<https://www.legislation.gov.uk/ukxi/2015/234/regulation/10>