

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 2022

The audit of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex and the PFCC for Essex Group has not been concluded by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP. According to the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, where the audit of accounts relating to the financial year beginning in 2021 has not been concluded before 30 November 2022 the PFCC must issue a notice stating that it has not been able to publish the Statement of Accounts and 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 additional outstanding assurances required by the external auditors mainly relating to the Essex Police Officer Pension Scheme.

The audit and issue of the audit opinion is expected to conclude during December 2022 after which the Statement of Accounts and the audit opinion will be published as soon as is reasonably practical.

The latest draft Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2022 is available on the PFCC's website, subject to conclusion of the audit.