**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 31st March 2023 for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex and the PFCC for Essex Group by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, has not yet commenced. According to the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022, where the audit of accounts relating to the financial year beginning in 2022 has not been concluded before 30th September 2023 the PFCC must issue a notice stating that it has not been able to publish the Statement of Accounts and its reasons for this.

The external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP, have allocated an October 2023 start date for the audit of the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 for the Police, Fire and Crime Commissioner (PFCC) for Essex and the PFCC for Essex Group, and therefore the audit has not yet been started.

The audit and issue of the audit opinion for the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023, is expected to conclude during January 2024 after which the Statement of Accounts and the audit opinion will be published as soon as is reasonably practical.

The latest unaudited Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2023 is available on the PFCC’s website, subject to conclusion of the audit.

Please follow the link below for further information:

[The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 (legislation.gov.uk)](https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2022/708/made)