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Office of the Police &
Crime Commissioner
for Gloucestershire



8th December 2020

EXTERNAL AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS: YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020

Publication of Statement of Accounts and Audit Opinion for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire and for the Chief Constable for Gloucestershire

The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2015 – Regulation 10, as amended by The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020

The audit of the draft statement of accounts for the year ended 31 March 2020 for the Police and Crime Commissioner for Gloucestershire and the Chief Constable for Gloucestershire have not yet been completed by the external auditors, Grant Thornton UK LLP. The Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus) (Amendment) Regulations 2020 require that the audited accounts and opinion is published by 30 November 2020.

The delay has arisen due to a combination of factors, comprising the following:

- the impact of Covid-19 on both the complexity of the audit and pace at which it can be completed and
- the increased assurance work that auditors are required to carry out nationally with respect to pensions and asset valuations.

The audit and issue of the audit opinion is expected to conclude during December 2020 after which the statement of accounts and audit opinion will be published as soon as is reasonably practicable.

Therefore, this notice of delayed audit is being published in accordance with Regulation 10, paragraph (2a) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015. See attached link:

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

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