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AGENDA ITEM 12

**JOINT AUDIT COMMITTEE
29 June 2023**

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

1. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 1.1 This report presents the statutory Statements of Accounts for the 2022/23 financial year, subject to external audit.

2. BACKGROUND

- 2.1 The Account and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022 came into force on 22 July 2022 and adjusted the required publication date of 2022/23 audited accounts to 30 September 2023. The draft Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable Accounts have been completed in accordance with these regulations and they have been checked by the Chief Finance Officers of the office for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable as representing a true and fair view of the accounts for the 2022/23 financial year. The accounts are presented to the Joint Audit Committee to demonstrate good governance and transparency in its scrutiny role. A copy of the draft accounts are attached. The Accounts are to be audited by Grant Thornton UK (LLP).
- 2.2 The Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 have been prepared following the CIPFA Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom. This interprets the International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) on which these accounts are required to be based.
- 2.3 Accounts are prepared for both the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) and Chief Constable. This report is based on the consolidated accounts of both entities referred to as the group accounts or the accounts of the PCCWM group.

3. STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS 2022/23

3.1 The Statement of Accounts sets out the financial position of the PCC and the Chief Constable, in accordance with formal legal and technical guidelines and, in particular:

- (a) Those costs that are chargeable to the general fund (the taxpayer) and those costs which reflect statutory accounting adjustments required to deal with movements in reserves.
- (b) Includes a Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) which shows the net cost for the year of the functions for which the Group is responsible and demonstrates how the costs have been financed.
- (c) Shows the re-measurements (formerly actuarial gains and losses) on the police and police staff pension schemes and the surplus or deficit on the revaluation of non-current assets as other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure within the CIES.
- (d) Shows non-specific Government grants in the CIES as part of recognised capital grants then transfers them to the Balance Sheet depending on the presence or absence of particular grant conditions.
- (e) Presents a Balance Sheet which shows the assets and liabilities of the group and how these are financed from a mixture of useable and non-useable reserves.
- (f) Presents a Cash Flow Statement showing a net increase or decrease in cash and cash equivalents and how cash flows through the operating, investing and financing activities of the group.
- (g) Shows the net cost of Police Services has moved from a £247.1m deficit in 2021/22 to a £247.0m deficit in 2022/23.

Details of the financial outturn for 2022/23 are presented below.

<i>Revenue Expenditure</i>	<i>Budget 2022-23 £m</i>	<i>Actual 2022-23 £m</i>	<i>Variation + (-) £m</i>
Employee costs	586.0	576.0	(10.0)
Premises costs	21.5	23.7	2.2
Transport costs	9.6	9.5	(0.1)
Supplies and Services	54.5	54.6	0.1
Collaborative working costs	16.0	17.4	1.4
Capital Financing	12.4	9.7	(2.7)
Income	(59.1)	(62.8)	(3.7)
Police Force (Excl. Change Programme & COVID 19)	640.9	628.1	(12.8)
Change Programme	8.0	9.7	1.7
COVID-19	0	0	0
Police Force (Incl. Change Programme & COVID 19)	648.9	637.8	(11.1)
Police and Crime Commissioner			
Office for Police and Crime Commissioner	3.2	2.8	(0.4)
Commissioned Services	5.3	5.7	0.4
Police and Crime Commissioner	8.5	8.5	0
Regional and National Services	22.1	22.1	0
Net Cost Police Services	679.5	668.4	(11.1)
Other Contributions to (from) Reserve	2.8	2.3	(0.5)
Net Contribution to (from) Budget Reserves	0.7	12.3	11.6
Net Budget Requirement	683.0	683.0	0

3.2 As a result, the bottom line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (shown on page 33 of the Accounts) shows the Group with a deficit for the year on the provision of services of £247.0m. This is not a real cash deficit but an accounting view taking account of capital transactions (such as depreciation) and actuarial movements in pension liabilities.

3.3 In accounting terms, we are required to include in the Accounts the total cost of net Pension liabilities (i.e. the difference between total future pension liabilities and the current value of assets) which are:

<i>2021/22 £m</i>		<i>2022/23 £m</i>
8,290.8	Police Officers' Unfunded Scheme	5,913.0
430.8	Police Staff Funded Scheme	(26.6)
8,721.6	Total Net Liability	5,886.3

3.4 There has been a decrease in the pension liability of £2,835m. This actuarial adjustment is due to a significant increase in the discount rate for future cash flows as well as decreases in assumed future salaries and in the rate of CPI inflation.

- 3.5 The significant liability on police officer pensions, reflects the fact that the Scheme is unfunded (the Home Office support this liability with a pension top up grant). The liabilities on both pension schemes reflect actuarial assumptions based on the current economic and demographic position.
- 3.6 The slight net asset position of police staff pensions, which is a funded scheme, reflects the remeasurement step change following the application of the 2022 triennial valuation figures as well as significant in year adjustments to financial assumptions. The accounts show the Local Government Pension Scheme split to show the assets and liabilities of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner separately from those of the Chief Constable.

4. INSPECTION AND AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS

- 4.1 The annual Audit of the accounts will start in July. The period during which local electors or their representative may formally ask questions of the PCCWM or the External Auditor commenced on 1 June 2023 following publication of the draft Accounts on 31 May 2023.

5. RECOMMENDATIONS

- 5.1 The Committee is asked to note the contents of the draft Statement of Accounts for 2022/23 which has been agreed by the Chief Finance Officer for each entity as representing a true and fair view of the financial position of the PCC and CC as at 31 March 2023 and the income and expenditure of each entity for the end of that financial year.

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