



**THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR STAFFORDSHIRE
THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF STAFFORDSHIRE POLICE**

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2022

NOTICE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

**Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 – Section 26, 27 and 28
Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 – Regulations 9, 14 and 15
The Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2022**

The Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) for Staffordshire and Staffordshire Police are both committed to openness, honesty and transparency.

The Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 (“the 2015 Regulations”) set out detailed requirements on a relevant authority (defined in section 2(1) of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014), in relation to its annual audit and accounting processes.

The authority is to publish their statement of accounts and supporting documents (together with any certificate or opinion of the local auditor) from 30th September to 30th November for the financial year beginning in 2021, and from 31st July to 30th September for the financial years beginning in 2022, 2023, 2024, 2025, 2026 and 2027.

Any rights of inspection, objection, and questioning of the Auditor may only be exercised within a single period of 30 working days: The date at which the annual accounts need to be published has moved to 31st July. The public inspection period must take place on or before the first working day of August 2022.

1. From 1st August and 9th September people may, on application to the Office of the PCC (by emailing PFCC@staffordshire.pfcc.gov.uk, ringing 01785 232270 or writing to P O Box 3167, Stafford ST16 9JZ) between the hours of 9am and 4.30pm Monday to Friday, any person may inspect the accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Staffordshire (group and single entity accounts) and the Chief Constable of Staffordshire Police The accounts will also be available for view at www.Staffordshire-pfcc.gov.uk/spend
2. **Sections 26 and 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 provide for:**
 - Any person interested has the opportunity to inspect and make copies of the Annual Return and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts etc. relating to them. For the year ended 31st March 2022, these documents will be available on reasonable notice on application to the person in paragraph 3 below.
 - Local Government Electors and their representatives have rights to:
 - Question the auditor about the accounts: and
 - Object to the accounts for any item in them. Written notice of an objection must first be given to the Auditor and a copy sent to the Authority.
 - The Auditor can be contacted at the address in paragraph 5 below for this purpose.

Questions may be received at the address above for the attention of the Chief Financial Officer, (by arrangement with the External Auditor, Neil Harris, Ernst & Young LLP, 2 St Peter's Square, Manchester, M2 3EY) to whom requests for this purpose should be addressed. No objection may be made unless the auditor has previously received written notice of the proposed objection and its grounds. A copy of this notice must be sent to the Office of the PCC at the above address.

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Section 151 Officer