Notice of Delay in Publishing Accountability Statements

Auditee: Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable for Hertfordshire ("the organisations")

Date: 31 December 2024

Notice under Regulation 9A(6)(a) of the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024

The organisations hereby gives notice that they have not been able to publish its accountability statements for the financial year ended 2021/22 and 2022/23 as required by Regulation 9A of the Accounts and Audit (Amendment) Regulations 2024.

Reasons for Delay:

The finalisation of the audit and the issuance of the auditor's opinion on the statement of accounts has been delayed due to the external auditors, BDO UK LLP, not commencing fieldwork until relatively recently and this was then followed by a series of queries and responses exchanged between the authority and the auditor. These exchanges have required careful consideration and have taken longer than anticipated to resolve.

Acknowledgement:

We are working diligently with the auditor to finalise these matters and the organisations acknowledge their obligation to publish its accountability statements, in accordance with Regulation 9A(6)(c), as soon as reasonably practicable and will do so promptly upon the resolution of the outstanding audit queries.

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