

NOTICE OF AUDIT

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire Group, consisting of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire and the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS 2019/20

LOCAL AUDIT & ACCOUNTABILITY ACT 2014 SECTIONS 26 – 28

ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT REGULATIONS 2015 REGULATIONS 9, 14, 15 & 21

THE ACCOUNTS AND AUDIT (CORONAVIRUS) (AMENDMENT) REGULATIONS 2020

The accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire and the accounts of the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police are subject to external audit by Rachel Brittain, BDO LLP, 55 Baker Street, London, W1U 7EU.

Members of the public and local government electors have certain rights in the audit process:

1. From 1 July 2020 to 11 August 2020 inclusive (Saturdays and Sundays excepted) between 10.00 am and 4.00 pm, any person may inspect the accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Bedfordshire and the accounts of the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police for the year ended 31 March 2020, and certain related documents (comprising books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers and receipts) at the address given below. They may also make copies of the accounts and documents. Applications to inspect the accounts should be made in writing to Philip Wells at the address below. The Statement of Accounts is subject to audit at this stage and may therefore change during the public inspection period.
2. During this time and until the conclusion of the audit process a local government elector for the area of the Commissioner and Chief Constable, or his/her representative, may ask the auditor questions about the accounts. Please contact the auditor at the address given above to make arrangements to ask any questions.
3. During this period, a local government elector for the area of the Commissioner and Chief Constable, or his/her representative, may object to the accounts of the Police and Crime Commissioner of Bedfordshire and/or the accounts of the Chief Constable of Bedfordshire Police asking that the auditor issue a report in the public interest (under section 27 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014) and/or apply to the court for a declaration that an item in the accounts is contrary to law. Written notice of a proposed objection and the grounds on which it is made must be sent to the auditor at the address given above and copied to me at the address given below.

As per the Accounts and Audit (Coronavirus Amendment) Regulations 2020 the statutory audit deadline for 2019/20 for PCC's Chief Constables and fire and rescue authorities has been extended from 31st July 2020 to 30 November 2020. The requirement for the public inspection period to include the first 10 working days of June has been removed.



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