

Joint Audit Committee

31.7.26

Report Title	Annual Accounts	
Responsible Officer	Phil Trussell	
Report author	Director of Finance and Resources	
Risk register reference	N/A	
Previous papers to Committee	Annual updates previously provided.	
Report summary	Annual Accounts - The reports provide an update for the committee on the status of the annual accounts for the force and the group	
Purpose of the report <i>Why is the report being presented to the Committee? (Tick all boxes that apply)</i>	Update/progress report	X
	Provide assurance	
	Present audit findings	
	Risk escalation	
	Policy/strategy review	
	Statutory requirement	X
	Other (please specify)	
Related Police and Crime Plan Pillar		
Source(s) of assurance <i>(Tick all boxes that apply)</i>	Internal Audit	X
	External Audit	X
	Internal management controls	X
	Independent review	
	Inspection findings	
	Other (please specify)	
Key issues, assurances and concerns	Key assurance(s): Publication of draft accounts is required by 30 th June 2026 with a backstop date of 31 January 2027. Public comment	

	on the drafts is invited and KPMG with continue work on final accounts to the January deadline	
	Significant concern(s): None	
	Mitigating action(s): N/A	
Action required <i>What is the Committee being asked to do? (Tick one box only)</i>	Information – <i>to note the contents of the report</i>	X
	Assurance – <i>to review and provide assurance that arrangements are adequate and effective</i>	
	Recommendation – <i>endorse a recommendation to the PCC or CC</i>	
	Approval – <i>approve a document, plan or approach where authority is delegated to JAC</i>	
	Decision – <i>make a decision within the Committee's delegated authority</i>	
Recommendation		