

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF AVON AND SOMERSET (the "Chief Constable")

Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2019 issued on 31 July 2019 we reported that, in our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable as at 31 March 2019 and of the Chief Constable's expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- had been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC code of practice on local authority accounting in the United Kingdom 2018/19; and
- had been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

Certificate

In our report dated 31 July 2019, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit on that date until we had completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts (WGA) Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2019. We have now completed this work.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unqualified opinion and conclusion on the Authority's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources.

We certify that we have completed the audit of the financial statements of the Chief Constable of Avon and Somerset in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office on behalf of the Comptroller and Auditor General.

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17 September 2019