



**CLEVELAND
POLICE**

Chief Constable for Cleveland

**Notification With Regard To the
Completion of Audit of statement of
accounts of the Chief Constable for
Cleveland for the financial year
ended 31 March 2020**

In line with Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 the Chief Constable's for Cleveland is required to give notice under the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015 Section 16 that the Chief Constable's Accounts for 2019/20 has been concluded and that the statement of accounts is available for inspection by local government electors.

The Chief Constable's Accounts has received notification from the External Auditors that they have been unable to obtain sufficient assurance from the Pension Fund auditors of the Teesside Pension Fund in order for them to complete all of their audit work in line with the statutory deadline of the 30th November 2020. As such the auditors will not be in a position to provide an audit opinion on the accounts as at the deadline date or issue the audit certificate.

The outstanding issues relate to the potential overstatement of assets in the pension fund accounts and incomplete data in respect of some pensioner records. The impact on the Pension Fund accounts in respect of the incomplete records has yet to be assessed. The Pension fund auditors have indicated that they are unlikely to complete their assessment of the impact and audit until January 2021.

The accounts, audit opinion, audit certificate and value for money conclusion will be published upon the completion of the outstanding audit work.

Dated this 30 November 2020

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