

Report to: Governance and Audit Committee

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Subject: **Draft Annual Accounts 2022**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To present the draft statement of accounts for 2021/22 to the Committee for Information.

2. Information

- 2.1 The transfer of the Police and Crime functions to the elected Mayor from 10 May 2021 introduces new complexities to the preparation of the annual accounts, introducing both group accounts and consolidation, as well as a partial year for the West Yorkshire Police.
- 2.2 The Mayor is required to keep a fund known as the Police Fund. The Mayor is responsible for the finances of the Police Fund including assets, liabilities and reserves. The Combined Authority (CA) is the legal entity which is responsible for administering the Police Fund and executing the Mayor's decisions in her role as Police and Crime Commissioner. To fulfil these statutory requirements the Chief Constable for West Yorkshire's accounts are consolidated into the accounts of the CA as part of the CA Group Accounts for the first time this year.
- 2.3 During the year, there has been very positive joint working between the CA finance team and the WYP finance colleagues in preparation for this. In

accordance with the deadline government set, both finance teams are working towards the planned draft accounts (CA and CA Group) publication target date 31 July 2022.

- 2.4 This report is to present to the Committee the draft unaudited 2021/22 Statement of Accounts for the CA and the Group (**Appendix 1** to follow). This is a factual report on the CA and the Group's 2021/22 financial accounts. The accounts present the CA and the Group's financial position for the year in the format required by accounting standards, incorporating technical transactions relating to non spendable reserves in addition to the outturn position which is covered in more detail in agenda item 11.
- 2.5 The responsibility for approving draft accounts for publication rests with the S73 Finance Officer and following her approval will be made available for the statutory public inspection period on the Combined Authority's website from Monday 1st August 2022. Due to the challenging timescales of preparing group accounts the accounts are still undergoing final review and a draft will be made available to Members before the meeting.
- 2.6 The accounts will be subject to audit by Mazars later in the year and it is anticipated that the final audited accounts will be presented to this Committee for approval in February 2023. **Item 9** - external audit progress report from Mazars has provided a separate paper setting out more detail on their approach to audit and their audit plan. Mazars will be undertaking the audit of both the Chief Constable accounts and those of the Combined Authority for 2021/22.
- 2.7 The draft accounts will be shared ahead of the meeting for information and comments and questions on them from Members are welcomed.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency Implications

- 3.1 There are no climate emergency implications directly arising from this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 There are no inclusive growth implications directly arising from this report

5. Financial Implications

- 5.1 There are no financial directly arising from this report.

6. Legal Implications

- 6.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

7. Staffing Implications

- 7.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

8. External Consultees

8.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

9. Recommendations

To note the draft Annual Statement of Accounts 2021/22.

10. Background Documents

None.

11. Appendices

Appendix 1 – Draft Statement of Accounts 2021/22 to follow