**Audit of Accounts 2020/21**

**NOTICE OF CERTIFICATION OF COMPLETION OF THE AUDIT**

**COMPLETION OF FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AUDIT 2020/21**

The audit of the financial statements of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire and the Chief Constable for the financial year 2020/21 have been completed following the completion of their outstanding work assessing the Police and Crime Commissioner’s arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in its use of resources.

The certificate issued by the auditors has been published below.

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<https://lancashire.police.uk/about-us/our-performance/statement-of-accounts/>

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Telephone: The Chief Finance Officer at Lancashire Constabulary on 01772 614444

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It is noted that at this time our External Auditors still have further work to do before they can issue our certificate of completion of the audit. They have not completed this work because: -

* they are required to issue a report on the PCC’s and the Chief Constable’s arrangements for securing economy, efficiency, and effectiveness in their use of resources. They have not completed this work because they have applied the Covid-19 - special provisions in the National Audit Office’s guidance for auditors (in Auditor Guidance Note 03) and will be completing this work to a later timescale. The auditors plan to complete this work and issue their Auditor’s Annual Report by 31st December 2021, which is within three months of the date of the opinion on the financial statements, as permitted under the special provisions in AGN 03