

NORTH WALES POLICE CHIEF CONSTABLE

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

2016 – 2017

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Narrative Report

Introduction

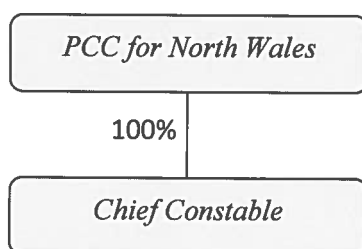
The Statement of Accounts for 2016-2017 provides a picture of the group's financial position at 31 March 2017 and a summary of the income and expenditure in the year to 31 March 2017. The end of 2016-2017 marks the fourth year since the introduction of Police and Crime Commissioners in England and Wales, following the implementation of the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011.

In principle, the Act has established both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable as corporation soles, each deemed a separate legal entity that can employ staff, enter into contracts and take part in legal proceedings. The Police and Crime Commissioner has the responsibility to secure the maintenance of an efficient and effective police force and will commission the delivery of this from the Chief Constable. The Act has also established Police and Crime Panels for each policing area whose role is to hold the Police and Crime Commissioners to account for their decisions and actions.

In practice, the two corporations sole are required to prepare their own statutory single entity Statement of Accounts, in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting and relevant International Financial Reporting Standards. In addition, the Police and Crime Commissioner is also required to produce a set of Group Accounts.

1. Group Structure

Following the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, the Police and Crime Commission is identified as the holding organisation and the Chief Constable is deemed a wholly owned subsidiary. The nature of the group's structure is set out within the legislation and the preparation of the group accounts is in accordance with statutory accounting practice.



2. Statement of Accounts

The Act and other legislative documents specify that the Police and Crime Commissioner should hold the group reserves and account for income received. Therefore, the Chief Constable's Accounts will not contain a Movement in Reserves Statement or a Cashflow Statement. These are reported at Group level and contained within the Group Statement of Accounts.

The accounts present a detailed picture of the financial affairs of the Chief Constable and comprise:-

- Statement of Accounting Policies (Page 11).
This statement supports the accounts and details the specific principles, rules and practices applied by the Group in preparing and presenting the financial statements.

- Statement of Responsibilities (Page 27).
This sets out the responsibilities of the Chief Constable and the Chief Financial Officer in respect of the Statement of Accounts and confirms that the accounts have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting.
- Expenditure and Funding Analysis (Page 28).
This shows how annual expenditure is used and funded from resources (government grants, council tax precept and business rates) by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Group in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Group in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. It also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (Page 29).
This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices rather than the amount to be funded from taxation. The Police and Crime Commissioner Group raises taxation to cover expenditure in accordance with statutory requirements and use this income to provide intra-group funding to the Chief Constable. The costs funded by taxation may be different from the accounting cost. The taxation position is shown in both the Expenditure and Funding Analysis and the Movement in Reserves Statement.
- Movement in Reserves Statement (Page 30).
This summarises the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Chief Constable analysed into usable reserves (those that can be applied to fund expenditure) and other (principally technical accounting) unusable reserves.
- Balance Sheet (Page 31).
This shows the value as at the Balance Sheet date of the assets and liabilities recognised by the Chief Constable. The net assets of the Chief Constable (assets less liabilities), are matched by the reserves held by the Chief Constable. The Chief Constable holds only unusable reserves i.e. that are not able to be used to provide services.
- Cash Flow Statement (Page 32).
This statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents during the year.
- Notes to the Statements (Pages 33 to 48).
These are all the explanatory notes relating to the statements.
- Police Pension Fund Account (Page 49).
This details the transactions relating to Police Pension income and expenditure.

3. The Economic Climate and the Revenue Budget for 2016-2017

The Police and Crime Commissioner operated with a net revenue budget of £141.067 million for 2016-2017. This was formally set at a meeting of the Police and Crime Panel on 25 January 2016 and represented an overall increase in precepts by 2.47%. However, with the Government funding reduction of 0.60%, this resulted in an overall increase of 0.89% to the base revenue budget.

The Chief Constable is responsible for maintaining the Queen's peace and enforcement of the law, has direction and control of the force's officers and staff and is accountable to the Police and Crime Commissioner for the delivery of efficient and effective police services and the managements of resources. During 2016-2017 the Police

and Crime Commissioner delegated the expenditure budget to the Chief Constable. In total, gross expenditure of £157.751 million has been incurred on the policing service for 2016-2017.

Our Policing priorities for 2016-2017 are set after taking into account national and local considerations and detail the areas that we are focused upon to deliver effective policing and provide an efficient service. For 2016-2017 these are:

- to reduce crime and anti-social behaviour that impact on our communities
- to protect people and reduce harm
- to provide a quality service that delivers confidence within our communities
- to promote a well led, organised and skilled workforce.

Underpinning these are our values, which describe how we carry out our business. These are united as one team, doing the right things and helping our communities. All of the above contribute to the overall vision for North Wales Police which is to make a safer North Wales.

The last twelve months have been challenging for the service. There has been an increase seen in all crime of 5.7% against the backdrop of challenging savings targets and increasing demands upon the service. There have been new threats encountered including child sexual abuse, cyber-crime, human trafficking and modern day slavery as well as an increased threat of terrorism. To assist in addressing these threats specialised Police teams have been established to specifically focus on these areas and demonstrate our commitment to tackling these crimes as well as investing resources in protecting vulnerable people. As part of our overall approach to value for money a Managed Response Unit has been implemented to effectively manage demand and provide efficiencies in the use of our resources. Early results have seen increased visibility and improved services for victims of crime.

Performance over the last twelve months has seen:

- Burglary Dwelling has increased by 5.1% and burglary other than dwelling has reduced by 10.7%
- Road Traffic Collisions have reduced by 14.4%
- Shoplifting has increased by 3.7%
- Other theft has increased by 4.4% and Robbery has reduced by 6.6%
- Criminal damage and arson has reduced by 8.2% and
- Anti-social behaviour has increased by 9.2%.

There still exist further challenges as all victim based crime saw an increase of 6.5% and offences with violence has also risen over the year by 24.1% for those without injury and 14.5% for those with injury. There has been decreases seen in public satisfaction and confidence related measures, whilst some of these are slight, e.g. ease of contact, the overall experience has reduced from 84% to 81.1%. We will continue to strive to deliver excellent services that meet public expectation and will work to build upon our satisfaction levels so that the public are more confident in the organisation and can feel safer in the areas where they live.

There are significant challenges ahead with expected further reductions in government funding of £4.9 million over the period 2017-2020. This follows on from the reductions seen since 2010-2011 to date which has resulted in an overall £26.9 million reduction from the North Wales police budget. In response to the continuing challenges, a Strategic Planning Board has been established to implement and oversee the plans and changes required to deliver the reductions whilst ensuring that we minimise the impact upon our services and front line resources. The people of North Wales are at the heart of everything we do. It is right, therefore, that we are continually striving to ensure that we provide an efficient and effective police service.

Performance against budget is shown below at a group level as this reflects how it has been monitored and reported throughout 2016-2017. The annual governance statement within these accounts sets out the governance arrangements in place for the Chief Constable.

The overall end of year position was a net contribution from reserves of £1.246 million; this includes the planned contribution of £2.755 million from earmarked capital reserves. The areas contributing to the financial outturn included police officer and police staff related pay which resulted from reductions in staff numbers and increased vacancies. Expenditure within pensions and supplies and services such as IT services, mutual aid expenditure and equipment purchases were higher than expected; however these were offset by a number of other areas that have contributed to the overall underspend. These include a reduction in the insurance provision including the removal of the sum provided for the A19 cases due to the appeal being unsuccessful. Additionally, there has been underspends in vehicle running cost expenditure aligned with the reduction in fuel prices experienced by the Force and reduction in our energy expenditure. There has also been increased income received during the year from mutual aid provision, additional vehicle sales and increased collaboration income arising from the pilot Dog Alliance with Cheshire Police.

The group outturn position is shown in the table below:

ACTUAL 2015-2016 £m	REVENUE EXPENDITURE	BUDGET 2016-2017 £m	ACTUAL 2016-2017 £m	VARIANCE + (-) £m
118.832	EMPLOYEE COSTS	119.617	118.198	-1.419
3.645	POLICE PENSIONS	3.102	3.451	0.349
7.725	PREMISES COSTS	8.011	7.833	-0.178
4.597	TRANSPORT COSTS	3.578	2.968	-0.610
21.980	SUPPLIES AND SERVICES	22.051	22.626	0.575
1.702	CAPITAL FINANCING	2.423	5.297	2.874
1.151	COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND	1.166	1.093	-0.073
2.116	PARTNERSHIPS	2.208	2.131	-0.077
-21.179	INCOME	-20.787	-21.284	-0.497
140.569	OPERATING EXPENDITURE*	141.369	142.313	0.944
-0.733	TRANSFERS TO/FROM RESERVES	-0.302	-1.246	-0.944
139.836	NET EXPENDITURE	141.067	141.067	0
FINANCED BY:				
40.825	POLICE GRANT	40.592	40.592	0
15.064	NATIONAL NON-DOMESTIC RATES	10.989	10.989	0
6.244	REVENUE SUPPORT GRANT	10.589	10.589	0
11.029	FLOOR GRANT	10.575	10.575	0
66.674	COUNCIL TAX	68.322	68.322	0
139.836	TOTAL FINANCING	141.067	141.067	0

* includes interest payments of £1.214 million 2016-2017 (£1.282 2015-2016)

Reserves and provisions are held by the Police and Crime Commissioner and reported at group level. The following table details the group reserves and provisions position for 2016-2017.

Usable Reserves

Usable Reserves are available for future expenditure.

BALANCES AND RESERVES	OPENING	MOVEMENT	CLOSING
	BALANCE		BALANCE
	01/04/2016		31/03/2017
	£m	£m	£m
GENERAL RESERVE	4.189	1.000	5.189
EARMARKED RESERVES:			
POLICE PROBATIONER RESERVE	3.974	-3.974	0
PENSIONS ILL HEALTH RESERVE	0.415	0.500	0.915
PRIVATE FINANCE INITIATIVE (PFI)	3.692	0.295	3.987
MAJOR INCIDENT RESERVE	2.235	0.200	2.435
INSURANCE RESERVE	1.173	0	1.173
CAPITAL RESERVE	14.845	-2.755	12.090
ESTATES SECURITY AND MAINTENANCE	1.938	-0.279	1.659
MANAGEMENT OF CHANGE RESERVE	2.027	3.894	5.921
PARTNERSHIPS BALANCES RESERVE	0.587	-0.088	0.499
COMMISSIONER'S COMMUNITY SAFETY FUND	0.280	-0.004	0.276
OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER RESERVE	0.258	0	0.258
LEGAL RESERVE (OPCC)	0.076	-0.035	0.041
PARTNERSHIP BUDGETS (OPCC)	0.002	0	0.002
CAPITAL RECEIPTS RESERVE	3.495	0.168	3.663
TOTAL USABLE RESERVES	39.186	-1.078	38.108

Provisions

PROVISIONS	OPENING	MOVEMENT	CLOSING
	BALANCE		BALANCE
	£m		£m
INSURANCE FUND	2.200	-1.103	1.097

2016-2017

The financial year 2016-2017 saw a period of continued growth despite economic forecasts being downgraded with GDP growth of 2% overall, although this reduced in the final quarter of the year. However, challenges still exist for the Police Service due to the level of imposed cuts from the comprehensive spending review coupled with continued uncertainty of the government funding arising from the funding formula review. The Police and Crime Commissioner continues to implement the budget strategy in place to deliver the required savings over the period and as part of this identified and delivered £2.838 million of savings over the 2016-2017 period. As part of the strategy, the level of reserves and provisions currently held is considered prudent and the general reserve of £5.2 million is at 3.7% of the net revenue expenditure for the year which is within the target of 3% to 5% as defined in the Medium Term Financial Plan.

The Chief Constable has a long term liability on the Balance Sheet arising from the treatment of IAS 19 Post-Employment Benefits. This relates to the Police Officers Pension Schemes and the Police Staff Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities. This amounts to -£1.682 billion for 2016-2017. Further details can be obtained from Note 14 in the accounts.

4. Capital Expenditure

The Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011 transferred all assets from Police Authorities to the Police and Crime Commissioner. The Chief Constable's Accounts contain a charge apportioned for the use of the assets at his disposal. For 2016-2017 this amounted to £4.244 million (2014-2015 £6.060 million).

The capital programme for 2016-2017 was set in February 2016 and slippage from the 2015-2016 programme was brought forward into the 2016-2017 programme. The revised capital expenditure estimates for the year amounted to £11.499 million and the actual expenditure for the year amounted to £8.181 million resulting in expenditure of £3.318 million being carried forward into 2017-2018. The majority of this was due to timing of payments for two major estates projects in Wrexham and Llandudno at the end of the year. The delays will not affect progress or delivery of the schemes which are still scheduled to be completed on time. In 2016-2017 several relocation and refurbishment works were carried out across the asset portfolio.

The capital transactions and expenditure which include statutory overrides are within the Group Statement of Accounts.

The table below summarises the main capital expenditure and funding for 2016-2017:-

CAPITAL EXPENDITURE	BUDGET	ACTUAL	VARIANCE
	2016-2017	2016-2017	+ (-)
	£m	£m	£m
Building/Estates Works	6.458	3.268	-3.190
Equipment	0.394	0.285	-0.109
Vehicles	1.445	1.416	-0.029
IT and Communications	3.202	3.212	0.010
NET EXPENDITURE	11.499	8.181	-3.318
FUNDED BY:			
Home Office Capital Grants	0.541	1.123	0.582
Revenue Contribution/Use of Reserves	2.012	1.975	-0.037
Capital Receipts	6.557	2.755	-3.802
Borrowing already funded in revenue	2.389	2.328	-0.061
TOTAL CAPITAL FUNDING	11.499	8.181	-3.318

The Police and Crime Commissioner has a PFI scheme for its Divisional headquarters in St. Asaph. The funding for this scheme continues to be met from credit approvals, the revenue budget and an earmarked reserve. Details of the scheme and liability can be seen in the group statement of accounts.

Capital Balances and Reserves:

The following table provides a summary of the capital balances and reserves held by the Police and Crime Commissioner:-

CAPITAL BALANCES AND RESERVES	OPENING BALANCE 01/04/2016 £m	MOVEMENT £m	CLOSING BALANCE 31/03/2017 £m
<u>USABLE CAPITAL RESERVES</u>			
Capital Receipts Reserve	3.495	0.168	3.663
<u>UNUSABLE CAPITAL RESERVES</u>			
Financial Instruments Adjustment Account	0.117	-0.071	0.046
Revaluation Reserve	21.089	-0.078	21.011
Capital Adjustment Account	14.671	3.382	18.053

During the year the Police and Crime Commissioner reviewed asset valuations of 17 properties within the portfolio.

Borrowing:

During the year the Police and Crime Commissioner did not need to raise any new loans to finance capital expenditure and used internal funds to manage its cash flows. The average interest paid on the loans remained at 3.01% in 2016-2017. The total of loans outstanding at the end of the year was £1.933 million.

5. Accounting Policies

Changes in accounting policies are made when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Authority's financial position or financial performance.

The 2016-2017 Statement of Accounts reflects changes introduced to comply with International Accounting Standards and CIPFA's Code of Practice. The accounts are now presented in a format that provides a link between management reporting and generally accepted accounting practices.

This change in accounting policy has required a full retrospective restatement of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and the introduction of an Expenditure and Funding Analysis. This change did not have any impact on the balance sheet.

6. Collaboration with other Bodies

In 2013 the Police and Crime Commissioner transferred the helicopter to the National Policing Air Service (NPAS). This is a mandatory national contract for delivery of a Police Air Service throughout the whole of the UK.

Police and Crime Commissioners are encouraged to explore areas where they could collaborate on the delivery of services, either with other police forces or on a local level with other public bodies. The Police and Crime Commissioner is working closely with the other Welsh Forces and the North West Region to explore areas for collaboration, details of current arrangements are in Note 21. On a local level, the Force's Facilities Department are jointly managing the estate of the Police and Crime Commissioner and the North Wales Fire and Rescue

Service and further opportunities for joint working are being explored. The Police and Crime Commissioner also operates a joint control room with North Wales Fire and Rescue Service in St. Asaph.

The Police and Crime Commissioner continues to work with Cheshire Constabulary delivering an Armed Policing Alliance to enhance operational performance whilst continuing to deliver efficiencies and savings necessary to meet the government funding reductions in the service. In 2016-2017 the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable commenced a further pilot collaboration scheme with a joint Dog section with Cheshire Constabulary which has been established to increase legislation capability and deliver efficiencies from a consistent joined up service.

7. Future Outlook

With the recent general election results, the austerity measures put in place by the UK Government are expected to continue over this planning period. Uncertainty surrounding the level and potential impact of the future funding reductions in the Police Service mandates the need to continue to ensure that we review and transform our services. The Medium Term Financial Plan sets out the financial requirements over the 2017-2022 period. It links the policing plan and priorities to the financial strategy and can be found on the Police and Crime Commissioner's website at: <http://www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk/Document-Library/Information/Publication-Scheme/What-we-spend/Budget/Medium-Term-Financial-Plan-2017-18-to-2021-22-Final.pdf>. The Police and Crime Commissioner is committed to ensuring that the police service in North Wales is fit for purpose and provides value for money to the people of North Wales. An essential part of this is the requirement for adequate reserves to meet forthcoming challenges and ultimately protect front line services.

The 2017-2018 Budget was set by the Police and Crime Commissioner and approved by the Police and Crime Panel in January 2017 at £143.217 million. This represented a 3.79% Council Tax increase and an overall net increase of 1.52% compared to the 2016-2017 budget of £141.067 million. Savings of £2.7 million have been identified to be delivered in 2017-2018.

The results of the June 2016 European Union (EU) referendum where the UK has elected to leave the EU will have a political impact across the country. Article 50 was subsequently triggered on 29 March 2017 marking the start of the two years of negotiations to make a deal for the United Kingdom's exit from the European Union. It is therefore uncertain at this time what impact this may have upon the police service.

8. Events after the reporting period.

At the time that the Statement of Accounts were submitted to the Chief Constable on the 20 September 2017, all material adjusting or non-adjusting events which would be required to be included in the Statement of Accounts have been reflected under Note 9 to the accounts.

Statement of Accounting Policies

1. General

The Group Statement of Accounts summarises the Police and Crime Commissioner's transactions for the 2016-2017 financial year-end and its position at the year-end of 31 March 2017. The Police and Crime Commissioner is required to prepare an annual Statement of Accounts by the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014. The Regulations require the accounts to be prepared in accordance with proper accounting practices. These practices primarily comprise the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-2017, supported by International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS) and statutory guidance issued under section 12 of the Local Government Act 2003. The code specifies the principles and practices of accounting required to prepare a Group Statement of Accounts which presents a 'true and fair' view of the financial position, financial performance and cash flows of the Police and Crime Commissioner, including group financial statements.

The accounting convention adopted is historical cost, modified by the revaluation of certain categories of non-current assets and financial instruments.

2. Accruals of Income and Expenditure

Activity is accounted for in the year it takes place, not simply when cash payments are made and received. In particular:

- Revenue from sale of goods is recognised when the Police and Crime Commissioner transfers the significant risks and rewards of ownership to the purchaser and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Revenue from the provision of services to the Police and Crime Commissioner is recognised when the Police and Crime Commissioner can measure reliably the percentage of completion of the transaction, and it is probable that economic benefits or service potential associated with the transaction will flow to the Police and Crime Commissioner.
- Supplies are recorded as expenditure when they are consumed. Where there is a gap between the date that supplies are received and their consumption, they are carried as inventories on the Balance Sheet.
- Expenses in relation to services rendered (including services provided by employees) are recorded as expenditure when the services are received rather than when payments are made.
- Interest receivable on investments and payable on borrowings is accounted for respectively as income and expenditure on the basis of the effective interest rate for the relevant financial instrument, rather than the cash flows fixed or determined by the contract.
- Where revenue and expenditure have been recognised but cash has not been received or paid a debtor or creditor for the relevant amount is recorded in the Balance Sheet. Where debts may not be settled, the balance of debtors is written down and a charge made to revenue for the income that might not be collected.

3. Cash and Cash Equivalents

Cash is represented by cash in hand and deposits with financial institutions repayable without penalty on notice of not more than 24 hours. Cash equivalents are investments that can mature immediately from the date of acquisition and that are readily convertible to known amounts of cash with insignificant risk of change in value.

In the Cash Flow Statement, cash and cash equivalents are shown net of bank overdrafts that are repayable on demand and form an integral part of the Police and Crime Commissioner's cash management.

4. Exceptional items

When items of income and expense are material, their nature and amount is disclosed separately, either on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement or in the notes to the accounts, depending on how significant the items are to understanding the Police and Crime Commissioner's financial performance.

5. Prior Period Adjustments, Changes in Accounting Policies and Estimates and Errors

Prior period adjustments may arise as a result of a change in accounting policies or to correct a material error. Changes in the accounting estimates are accounted for prospectively, i.e. in the current and future years affected by the change and do not give rise to a prior period adjustment.

Changes in accounting policies are made only when required by proper accounting practices or the change provides more reliable or relevant information about the effect of transactions, other events and conditions on the Police and Crime Commissioner's financial position or financial performance. Where a change is made, it is applied retrospectively (unless stated otherwise) by adjusting opening balances and the comparative amounts for the prior period as if the new policy had always been applied.

Material errors discovered in prior period figures are corrected retrospectively by amending opening balances and comparative amounts for the prior period.

6. Charges to Revenue for Non-Current Assets

The Police and Crime Commissioner does not charge depreciation, revaluation and impairment or amortisation separately to services, support services or trading accounts.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is not required to raise council tax to fund depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses or amortisations. However, he is required to make an annual contribution from revenue towards the reduction in his overall borrowing requirement equal to an amount calculated on a prudent basis determined by the Police and Crime Commissioner in accordance with statutory guidance.

Depreciation, revaluation and impairment losses and amortisations are therefore replaced by the contribution in the General Fund Balance (Minimum Revenue Provision), and by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

7. Employee Benefits

Benefits Payable During Employment

Short-term employee benefits are those due to be settled within 12 months of the year-end. They include such benefits as wages and salaries, paid annual leave and paid sick leave, bonuses and non-monetary benefits (e.g. cars) for current employees and are recognised as an expense for services in the year in which employees render service to the Police and Crime Commissioner. An accrual is made for the cost of leave arising from holiday entitlements or time off in lieu earned by employees but not taken before the year-end which employees can carry forward into the next financial year. The accrual is made at the wage and salary rates

applicable in the following accounting year, being in the period in which the employee takes the benefit. The accrual is charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services, but then reversed through the Movement in Reserves Statement so that holiday benefits are charged to revenue in the financial year in which the holiday absence occurs.

Termination Benefits

Termination benefits are amounts payable as a result of a decision by the Police and Crime Commissioner to terminate an employee's employment before the normal retirement date or an employee's decision to accept voluntary redundancy and are charged on an accruals basis to the Non Distributed Costs line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement at the earlier of when the Police and Crime Commissioner can no longer withdraw the offer of those benefits or when the Police and Crime Commissioner recognises costs for a restructuring.

Where termination benefits involve the enhancement of pensions, statutory provisions require the General Fund balance to be charged with the amount payable by the Police and Crime Commissioner to the pension fund or pensioner in the year, not the amount calculated in accordance to the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement of Reserves Statement, appropriations are required to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for pension enhancement termination benefits and replace them with the debits for the cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners together with any such amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end.

Post Employment Benefits

The Police and Crime Commissioner participates in two different pension schemes. Both schemes provide members with defined benefits related to pay and services.

Police Officers -

Until 2005-2006 the cost of the police pensions scheme, which was an unfunded, defined benefits scheme, was met from the preceding Police Authority's Income and Expenditure Account. In 2006-2007 there was a change in the way that police pensions were accounted for and a central fund was created by the Home Office to meet the cost of pensions and commutation payments. Police and Crime Commissioners pay a percentage of officers' salaries into the fund. Injury pensions continue to be the responsibility of the Police and Crime Commissioner and are met from the Police and Crime Commissioner's Income and Expenditure Account.

Police Staff (including staff employed in the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner) -

These employees are eligible to join the Local Government Pension Scheme, which is administered by Gwynedd Council. The triennial actuarial assessment carried out in 2016 stated that the employer's contribution needed to be set at a minimum of 16.3% per annum plus a lump sum of £0.8m to meet the liabilities of the fund. The next triennial assessment will take place in 2019.

The Local Government Pension Scheme

The Local Government Pension Scheme is accounted for as a defined benefits scheme:

- the liabilities of the Gwynedd Pension Fund attributable to the Police and Crime Commissioner are included in the Balance Sheet on an actuarial basis using the projected unit method, i.e. an assessment of the future payments that will be made in relation to retirement benefits earned to date by employees, based on assumptions about mortality rates, employee turnover rates etc., and estimates of projected earnings for current employees.

- the liabilities are discounted to their value at current prices, using a discount rate of 3.9% based on an indicative rate of return on Government bonds adjusted for additional yield from high quality corporate bonds (iBoxx Sterling Corporates AA).
- the assets of the Gwynedd Pension Fund attributable to the Police and Crime Commissioner are included in the Balance Sheet at their fair value:
 - Quoted securities at current bid price
 - Unquoted securities at professional estimate
 - Unitised securities at current bid price
 - Property at market value.
- the change in the net pensions liability is analysed into the following components:

Service cost comprising:

- (i) Current Service Cost – the increase in liabilities as a result of years of service earned this year and allocated in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.
- (ii) Past Service Cost – the increase in liabilities as a result of a scheme amendment or curtailment whose effect relates to years of service earned in earlier years and which are debited to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of Non Distributed Costs.
- (iii) Net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) – the net interest expense for the Police and Crime Commissioner from the change during the period in the net defined liability (asset) that arises from the passage of time and is charged to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. This is calculated by applying the discount rate used to measure the defined benefit liability obligation at the beginning of the period to the net defined benefit liability (asset) at the end of the period by taking into account any changes in the net defined benefit liability (asset) during the period as a result of contribution and benefit payments.

Remeasurements comprising:

- (i) The return on plan assets – excluding amounts included in the net interest on the net defined benefit liability (asset) and is charged the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.
- (ii) Actuarial gains or losses – changes in the net pensions' liability that arise because events have not coincided with assumptions made at the last actuarial valuation or because the actuaries have updated their assumptions which are charged to the Pensions Reserve as Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure.

Contributions paid to the Gwynedd Pension Fund – cash paid as employers' contributions to the pension fund in settlement of liabilities; not accounted for as an expense.

In relation to retirement benefits, statutory provisions require that the General Fund balance be charged with the amounts payable by the Police and Crime Commissioner to the pension fund or directly to pensioners in the year, not the amount calculated in accordance with the relevant accounting standards. In the Movement in Reserves Statement, this means there are transfers to and from the Pensions Reserve to remove the notional debits and credits for retirement benefits and replace them with the debits for cash paid to the pension fund and pensioners and together with any other amounts payable but unpaid at the year-end. The negative balance that arises on the Pensions Reserve thereby measures the beneficial impact to the General

Fund of being required to account for retirement benefits on the basis of cash flows rather than as benefits are earned by employees.

Discretionary Benefits

The Police and Crime Commissioner has restricted powers to make discretionary awards of retirement benefits in the event of early retirements. Any liabilities estimated to arise as a result of an award to any member of staff are accrued in the year of the decision to make the award and accounted for using the same policies as are applied to the Local Government Pensions Scheme and in accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's early retirement process.

8. Events after the Reporting Period

Events after the Balance Sheet date are those events, both favourable and unfavourable, that occur between the end of the reporting period and the date when the Statement of Accounts is authorised for issue. Two types of events can be identified:

- those that provide evidence of conditions that existed at the end of the reporting period, which require the Statement of Accounts to be adjusted to reflect such events.
- those that are indicative of conditions that arose after the reporting period, which do not require the Statement of Accounts to be adjusted to reflect such events, but where a category of events would have a material effect, disclosure is made in the notes of the nature of the events and their estimated financial effect.

Events taking place after the date of authorisation for issue are not reflected in the Statement of Accounts.

9. Financial Instruments

Financial Liabilities

Financial Liabilities are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value and are subsequently carried at their amortised cost. Annual charges to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest payable are based on the carrying amount of the liability, multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. The effective interest rate is the rate that exactly discounts the estimated future cash payments over the life of the instrument to the amount at which it was originally recognised.

The amount presented in the balance sheet with respect to long and short term borrowing is the outstanding principal repayable (plus accrued interest); and interest charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount payable in the year according to the loan agreement.

Gains and losses on the repurchase or early settlement of borrowing are credited and debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year of repurchase/settlement. However, where repurchase has taken place as part of a restructuring of the loan portfolio that involves the modification or exchange of existing instruments, the premium or discount is respectively deducted from or added to the amortised cost of the new or modified loan and the write-down to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is spread over the life of the loan by an adjustment to the effective interest rate.

Where premiums or discounts have been charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, regulations allow the impact on the General Fund Balance to be spread over future years. The Police and Crime Commissioner has a policy of spreading the gain or loss over the term that was remaining on the loan against which the premium was payable or discount receivable when it was repaid. The reconciliation of amounts charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement to the net charge required against the General Fund Balance is managed by the transfer to or from the Financial Instruments Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Financial Assets

Financial assets are classified into two types:

- loans and receivables which are assets that have a fixed or determinable repayments but are not quoted in an active market
- available-for-sale assets which are assets that have a quoted market price and/or do not have fixed or determinable payments

Loans and Receivables

Loans and receivables are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured at fair value. They are subsequently measured at their amortised cost. Annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest receivable are based on the carrying amount of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. For most of the loans that the Police and Crime Commissioner has made, this means that the amount presented in the Balance Sheet is the outstanding principal receivable (plus accrued interest) and interest credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement is the amount receivable for the year in the loan agreement.

Where assets are identified as impaired because the likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under a contract will not be made, the asset is written down and a charge made to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate.

Any gains or losses that arise in the derecognition of an asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Available-for-sale Assets

Available-for-sale assets are recognised on the Balance Sheet when the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes a party to the contractual provisions of a financial instrument and are initially measured and carried at fair value. Where the asset has fixed or determinable payments, annual credits to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement for interest receivable are based on the amortised cost of the asset multiplied by the effective rate of interest for the instrument. Where there are no fixed or determinable payments, income (e.g. dividends) is credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement when it becomes receivable by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Assets are maintained in the Balance Sheet at fair value. Values are based on the following techniques:

- instruments with quoted market prices – the market price
- other instruments with fixed and determinable payments – discounted cash flow analysis
- equity shares with no quoted market prices – independent appraisal of company valuations.

The inputs to the measurement techniques are categorised in accordance with the following three levels:

- Level 1 inputs – quoted prices (unadjusted) in active markets for identical assets that the Police and Crime Commissioner can access at the measurement date.
- Level 2 inputs – inputs other than quoted prices included within Level 1 that are observable for the asset, either directly or indirectly.
- Level 3 inputs – unobservable inputs for the asset.

Changes in fair value are balanced by an entry in the Available-for-Sale Reserve and the gain/loss is recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Revaluation of Available-for-Sale Financial Assets. The exception is where impairment losses have been incurred – these are debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, along with any net gain or loss for the asset accumulated in the Available-for-Sale Reserve.

Where assets are identified as impaired because of a likelihood arising from a past event that payments due under the contract will not be made (fixed or determinable payments) or fair value falls below cost, the asset is written down and a charge made to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. If the asset has fixed or determinable payments, the impairment loss is measured as the difference between the carrying amount and the present value of the revised future cash flows discounted at the asset's original effective interest rate. Otherwise, the impairment loss is measured as any shortfall of fair value against the acquisition cost of the instrument (net of any principal repayment and amortisation).

Any gains and losses that arise on the derecognition of the asset are credited or debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, along with any accumulated gains or losses previously recognised in the Available-for-Sale Reserve. Where fair value cannot be measured reliably, the instrument is carried at cost (less any impairment losses).

10. **Government Grants and Contributions**

Whether paid on account, by instalments or in arrears, government grant and third party contributions and donations are recognised as due by the Police and Crime Commissioner when there is reasonable assurance that:

- the Police and Crime Commissioner will comply with the conditions attached to the payments, and
- the grants or contributions will be received.

Amounts recognised as due to the Police and Crime Commissioner are not credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement until conditions attached to the grant or contribution have been satisfied. Conditions are stipulations that specify that future economic benefits or service potential embodied in the asset acquired using the grant or contribution are required to be consumed by the recipient as specified, or future economic benefits or service potential must be returned to the transferor.

Monies advanced as grants and contributions for which conditions have not been satisfied are carried in the Balance Sheet as creditors. When conditions are satisfied, the grant or contribution is credited to the relevant

service (attributable revenue grants and contributions) or Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income (non ring-fenced revenue grants and all capital grants) in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where capital grants are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the grant has yet to be used to finance capital expenditure, it is transferred to the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve. Where it has been applied, it is posted to the Capital Adjustment Account. Amounts in the Capital Grants Unapplied Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account once they have been applied to fund capital expenditure.

11. Interest in other entities

The Police and Crime Commissioner has material interests in other entities that have the nature of a subsidiary, associate and jointly controlled entities and is required to prepare group accounts. In the Police and Crime Commissioner's single entity accounts interests in other entities are recorded in accordance with proper accounting practice. In respect of the North Wales Police and the Police and Crime Commissioner's group accounts, the Chief Constable of North Wales is deemed to be a 100% wholly owned subsidiary of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

12. Inventories and Long term Contracts

Inventories are included in the Balance Sheet at the lower of cost and net realisable value. The cost of inventories is assigned using the first in first out (FIFO) costing formula. Long term contracts are accounted for on the basis of charging the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services with the value of works or services received under the contract during the financial year.

13. Jointly Controlled Operations and Jointly Controlled Assets

Jointly controlled operations are activities undertaken by the Police and Crime Commissioner in conjunction with other venturers that involve the use of the assets and resources of the venturers rather than the establishment of a separate entity. The Police and Crime Commissioner recognises on the Balance Sheet the assets that the Commissioner controls including his share of any assets held jointly and the liabilities that the Commissioner incurs including his share of any liabilities incurred jointly and debits and credits the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement with the expenditure and any share of expenditure incurred jointly and the share of income that is earned from the activity of the operation.

Jointly controlled assets are items of property, plant or equipment that are jointly controlled by the Police and Crime Commissioner and other venturers, with the assets being used to obtain benefits for the venturers. The joint venture does not involve the establishment of a separate entity. The Police and Crime Commissioner accounts for only his share of the jointly controlled assets, the liabilities and expenses that he incurs on his own behalf or jointly with others in respect of his interest in the joint venture and income that is earned from the venture. Details of any jointly controlled operations can be seen in Note 21 to the Accounts.

14. Leases

Finance leases transfer substantially all the risks and rewards incidental to ownership of the property, plant or equipment from the lessor to the lessee. All other leases are classified as operating leases.

Where a lease covers both land and buildings, the land and buildings elements are considered separately for classification.

Arrangements that do not have the legal status of a lease but convey the right to use an asset in return for payment are accounted for under this policy where fulfilment of the arrangement is dependent on the use of specific assets.

The Police and Crime Commissioner as a Lessee

Finance Leases

Property, plant and equipment held under finance leases are recognised on the Balance Sheet at the commencement of the lease at its fair value measured at the lease's inception (or the present value of the minimum lease payments, if lower). The asset recognised is matched by the liability for the obligation to pay the lessor. Initial direct costs to the Police and Crime Commissioner are added to the carrying amount of the asset. Premiums paid on entry into the lease are applied to writing down the lease liability. Contingent rents are charged as expenses in the periods in which they are incurred.

Lease payments are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property, plant or equipment which is applied to write down the lease liability, and
- a finance charge (debited to the Financing and Investment Income and Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement).

Property, plant and equipment recognised under finance leases are accounted for using the policies applied generally to such assets, subject to depreciation being charged over the lease term if this is shorter than the asset's estimated useful life (where ownership of the asset does not transfer to the Police and Crime Commissioner at the end of the lease period).

The Police and Crime Commissioner is not required to raise council tax to cover depreciation or revaluation and impairment losses arising on leased assets. Instead, a prudent annual contribution is made from revenue funds towards the deemed capital investment in accordance with statutory requirements. Depreciation and revaluation and impairment losses are therefore substituted by a revenue contribution in the General Fund Balance, by way of an adjusting transaction with the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement for the difference between the two.

Operating Leases

Rentals paid under operating leases are charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as an expense for the use of leased property, plant and equipment. Charges are made on a straight-line basis over the life of the lease even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a rent free period at the commencement of the lease).

The Police and Crime Commissioner as a Lessor

A lessor lets property, plant or equipment under a lease arrangement to others.

Finance Leases

Where the Police and Crime Commissioner grants a finance lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the relevant asset is written out of the balance sheet as a disposal. At the commencement of the

lease the carrying amount of the asset in the balance sheet, (whether property, plant or equipment or assets held for sale) is written off to the other operating expenditure line in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. A gain representing the Police and Crime Commissioner's net investment in the lease, is credited to the same line in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal), matched by a lease (long term debtor) asset on the balance sheet.

Lease rentals receivable are apportioned between:

- a charge for the acquisition of the interest in the property – applied to write down the lease debtor (together with any premiums received), and
- finance income (credited to the financing and investment income and expenditure line in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement).

The gain credited to the comprehensive income and expenditure statement on disposal is not permitted by statute to increase the general fund balance and is required to be treated as a capital receipt. Where a premium has been received, this is posted out of the general fund balance to the capital receipts reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement. Where the amount due in relation to the lease asset is to be settled by the payment of rentals in future financial years, this is posted out of the general fund balance to the deferred capital receipts reserve in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

When the future rentals are received the element for the capital receipt for the disposal of the asset is used to write down the lease debtor. At this point the deferred capital receipts are transferred to the capital receipts reserve. The written off value of disposals is not a charge against council tax, as the cost of non-current assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements under capital financing. Amounts are therefore appropriated to the capital adjustment account from the general fund balance through the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Operating Leases

Where the Police and Crime Commissioner grants an operating lease over a property or an item of plant or equipment, the asset is retained in the balance sheet. Rental income is credited to the other operating expenditure line in the comprehensive income and expenditure statement. Credits are made on a straight line basis over the life of the lease even if this does not match the pattern of payments (e.g. there is a premium paid at the commencement of the lease). Initial direct costs incurred in negotiating or arranging the lease are added to the carrying amount of the relevant asset and charged as an expense over the lease term on the same basis as rental income.

15. Overheads and Support Services

The costs of overheads and support services are charged to service segments in accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's arrangements for accountability and financial performance

16. Property Plant and Equipment

Assets that have physical substance and are held for use in the production or supply of goods or services, for rental to others, or for administrative purposes and are expected to be used during more than one financial year are classified as Property, Plant and Equipment.

Recognition

Expenditure on the acquisition, creation or enhancement of Property, Plant and Equipment is capitalised on an accruals basis, provided that it is probable that the future economic benefits or service potential associated with the item will flow to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the cost of the item can be measured reliably. Expenditure that maintains but does not add to an asset's potential to deliver future economic benefits or service potential (i.e. repairs and maintenance) is charged as an expense when it is incurred.

Measurement

Assets are initially measured at cost, comprising:

- the purchase price
- any costs attributable to bringing the asset to the location and condition necessary for it to be capable of operating in the manner intended by management
- if applicable, the initial estimate of costs of dismantling and removing the item and then restoring the site on which it is located.

The Police and Crime Commissioner does not capitalise borrowing costs incurred whilst the assets are under construction.

The cost of an asset other than by purchase is deemed to be its fair value, unless the acquisition does not have commercial substance (i.e. it will not lead to a variation in the cash flows to the Police and Crime Commissioner). In the latter case, where an asset is acquired via an exchange, the cost of the acquisition is the carrying amount of the asset is given up by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Donated assets are measured initially at fair value. The difference between fair value and any consideration paid is credited to the Taxation and Non-Specific Grant Income line of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, (unless the donation has been made conditionally); until conditions are satisfied the gain is held in the Donated Assets Account. Where gains are credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, they are reversed out of the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

Assets are then carried in the Balance Sheet using the following measurement basis:

- Infrastructure, community assets and assets under construction - depreciated historical cost
- Dwellings and all other assets – fair value determined as the amount that would be paid for the asset in its existing use (i.e. existing use value or EUV).

Where there is no market based evidence of current value because of the specialist nature of the asset, depreciated replacement cost is used as a substitute for fair value.

Where non-property assets that have short useful lives or low values (or both), depreciated historical cost basis is used as a substitute for current value.

Assets included in the Balance Sheet at current value are revalued sufficiently regularly to ensure their carrying amount is not materially different from their fair value at the year-end, as a minimum every five years. Increases in the valuations are matched by credits to the Revaluation Reserve to recognise unrealised gains. Exceptionally, gains may be credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement where they arise from the reversal of a loss previously charged.

Where decreases in value are identified, they are accounted for as follows:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against the balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gains)
- where there is no balance in the revaluation reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

The Revaluation Reserve contains revaluation gains recognised since 1 April 2007 only, the date of its formal implementation. Gains arising before this date have been consolidated into the Capital Adjustment Account.

Impairment

Assets are assessed at each year-end as to whether there is any indication that an asset may be impaired. Where indications exist and any possible differences are estimated to be material, the recoverable amount of the asset is estimated and, where this is less than the carrying amount of the asset, an impairment loss is recognised for the shortfall.

Where impairment losses are identified, they are accounted for as following:

- where there is a balance of revaluation gains for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve, the carrying amount of the asset is written down against that balance (up to the amount of the accumulated gain)
- where there is no balance in the Revaluation Reserve or an insufficient balance, the carrying amount of the asset is written down in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

Where an impairment loss is reversed subsequently, the reversal is credited in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement, up to the amount of the original loss, adjusted for depreciation that would have been charged if the loss had not been recognised.

Depreciation

Depreciation is provided for on all Property, Plant and Equipment assets by the systematic allocation of their depreciable amounts over their useful lives. An exception is made for assets without determinable finite useful life (i.e. freehold land) and assets that are not yet available for use (assets under construction).

Where an asset has major components with significant value, the components are depreciated separately. The Police and Crime Commissioner has applied the following de-minimus limits and components will be recognised separately only where:

- (i) Remaining life of component is between 0 and 10 years and value of component is over £50k
- (ii) Remaining life of component is between 10 and 15 years and value of component is over £100k
- (iii) Remaining life of component is between 15 and 20 years and value of component is over £250k
- (iv) Remaining life of component is between 20 and 30 years and value of component is over £400k
- (v) Remaining life of component is between 30 and 40 years and value of component is over £800k
- (vi) Remaining life of component is between 40 and 50 years and value of component is over £1500k
- (vii) Remaining life of component is between 50 and 60 years and value of component is over £2000k

Asset Type:	Depreciation Policy:
Buildings	Depreciated over the life expectancy as stated by the valuer on a straight line method and revalued at least every 5 years
Computer Equipment	Straight line over 3 to 5 years commencing in the year following purchase.
General Equipment, Furniture and Fittings and Radio Equipment	Straight line over 7-10 years commencing in the year following purchase.
Vehicles	Straight line over 4 years commencing in the year of purchase.
Land	Undeveloped sites are not depreciated.

Revaluation gains are also depreciated, with an amount equal to the difference between current value depreciation charged on assets and the depreciation that would have been chargeable based on their historical cost being transferred each year from the Revaluation Reserve to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Disposals and Non-Current Assets held for Sale

When it becomes probable that the carrying amount of an asset will be recovered principally through a sale transaction rather than through its continuing use, it is reclassified as an Asset Held for Sale. The asset is revalued immediately before reclassification and then carried at the lower of this amount and fair value less costs to sell. Where there is a subsequent decrease to the fair value less costs to sell, the loss is posted to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. Gains in fair value are recognised only up to the amount of any previous losses recognised in the Surplus or Deficit on Provision of Services. Depreciation is not charged on Assets Held for Sale.

If assets no longer meet the criteria to be classified as Assets Held for Sale, they are reclassified back to non-current assets and valued at the lower of their carrying amount before they were classified as held for sale (adjusted for depreciation, amortisation or revaluations that would have been recognised had they not been classified as Held for Sale), and their recoverable amount at the date of the decision not to sell.

Details of any properties classified as Assets Held for Sale are disclosed in the Balance Sheet and relevant notes. The Police and Crime Commissioner had no assets held for sale at 31 March 2017.

Assets that are to be abandoned or scrapped are not classified as Assets Held for Sale.

When an asset is disposed of or decommissioned, the carrying amount of the asset in the Balance Sheet (whether Property, Plant and Equipment or Assets Held for Sale) is written off to the Other Operating Expenditure line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement as part of the gain or loss on disposal. Receipts from disposals (if any) are credited to the same line in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement also as part of the gain or loss on disposal (i.e. netted off against the carrying value of the asset at the time of disposal). Any revaluation gains accumulated for the asset in the Revaluation Reserve are transferred to the Capital Adjustment Account.

Amounts received for a disposal in excess of £10,000 are categorised as capital receipts. The balance of receipts is required to be credited to the Capital Receipts Reserve and then can be used only for new capital investment (or set aside to reduce the Police and Crime Commissioner's underlying need to borrow - the capital financing requirement). Receipts are appropriated to the Reserve from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

The value of disposals written out is not a charge against council tax, as the cost of fixed assets is fully provided for under separate arrangements for capital financing. Amounts are appropriated to the Capital Adjustment Account from the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement.

17. Private Finance Initiative

The Police and Crime Commissioner has entered into one long term contractual agreement under PFI where the contractor is responsible for design, construction, finance and maintenance of the Custody Suite, Major Incident facility, Scientific Support facility and office space at St. Asaph. As the Police and Crime Commissioner is deemed to control the services that are provided under its PFI scheme and as ownership of the fixed assets will pass to the Police and Crime Commissioner at the end of the contract for no additional charge, the Police and Crime Commissioner carries the fixed assets used under the contracts on the Balance Sheet.

The original recognition of these fixed assets has been balanced by a corresponding liability for the amounts due to the scheme operator.

18. Provisions, Contingent Liabilities and Contingent Assets

Provisions are made where an event has taken place that gives the Police and Crime Commissioner a legal or constructive obligation that probably requires settlement by transfer of economic benefits or service potential, and a reliable estimate can be made of the amount of the obligation.

Provisions are charged as an expense in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year that the Police and Crime Commissioner becomes aware of the obligation, and are measured at the best estimate at the balance sheet date of the expenditure required to settle the obligation, taking into account relevant risks and uncertainties.

When payments are eventually made, they are charged to the provision carried in the Balance Sheet. Estimated settlements are reviewed at the end of each financial year and where it becomes less than probable that a transfer of economic benefits will now be required (or a lower settlement than anticipated is made); the provision is reversed and credited back to the relevant service.

Where some or all of the payment required to settle a provision is expected to be recovered from another party (e.g. from an insurance claim), this is recognised as income for the relevant service only when it is virtually certain that reimbursement will be received if the Police and Crime Commissioner settles the obligation.

The insurance provision covers insurance liability for those risks not covered externally and also covers any excess on external insurance policies. The provision covers public and employer's risk. There are contingent liabilities to be met from this provision.

The provision for doubtful debts is included within impairment in Current Assets.

Carbon Reduction Commitment (CRC) Energy Efficiency Scheme – this is a mandatory scheme for large public and private sector organisations and is designed to improve energy efficiency and cut emissions. Organisations that qualify are required to purchase and surrender carbon allowances on the basis of their emissions and reflect any liabilities within their accounts. The Police and Crime Commissioner is currently not required to participate in the scheme due to current emissions being below the qualification threshold.

Contingent Liabilities

A contingent liability arises when an event has taken place that gives the Police and Crime Commissioner a possible obligation whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Police and Crime Commissioner. They can arise in circumstances

where a provision would otherwise be made but either it is not probable that an outflow of resources will be required or the amount of the obligation cannot be measured reliably.

Contingent liabilities are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts.

Contingent Assets

A contingent asset arises when an event has taken place that gives the Police and Crime Commissioner a possible asset whose existence will only be confirmed by the occurrence or otherwise of uncertain future events not wholly within the control of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Contingent assets are not recognised in the Balance Sheet but disclosed in a note to the accounts where it is probable that there will be an inflow of economic benefits or service potential.

19. **Reserves**

The Police and Crime Commissioner sets aside specific amounts as reserves for future policy purposes or to cover contingencies. Reserves are created by appropriating amounts out of the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement. When expenditure to be financed from a reserve is incurred, it is charged in that year to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement. The reserve is then appropriated back into the General Fund Balance in the Movement in Reserves Statement so there is no net charge to council tax for the expenditure during the accounting period.

Unusable Reserves - certain reserves are maintained to manage the accounting processes for non-current assets, financial instruments, retirement and employee benefits and do not represent usable resources for the Police and Crime Commissioner. Reserves are explained in the relevant policies within the Medium Term Financial Plan.

20. **Revenue Expenditure Funded from Capital under Statute**

Expenditure incurred during the year that may be capitalised under statutory provisions but that does not result in the creation of a non-current asset has been charged as expenditure in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement in the year. Where the Police and Crime Commissioner has determined to meet the cost of this expenditure from existing capital resources or by borrowing, a transfer in the Movement in Reserves Statement from the General Fund Balance to the Capital Adjustment Account reverses the amounts charged so that there is no impact on the level of revenue expenditure.

21. **Recognition of Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions**

Assets and revenue arising from non-exchange transactions are recognised in accordance with the requirements of IAS 20 Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance, except where interpreted or adapted to fit the public sector are detailed in the Code and/or IPSAS 23, "Revenue from Non- Exchange Transactions (Taxes and Transfers)."

Taxation transactions - Assets and revenue arising from taxation transactions are recognised in the period in which the taxable event occurs, provided that the assets satisfy the definition of an asset and meet the criteria for recognition as an asset.

Non-taxation transactions - Assets and revenue arising from transfer transactions are recognised in the period in which the transfer arrangement becomes binding. Services in-kind are not recognised.

Where a transfer is subject to conditions that, if unfulfilled, require the return of the transferred resources, the Police and Crime Commissioner recognises a liability until the condition is fulfilled.

Basis of Measurement of Major Classes of Revenue from Non-Exchange Transactions - Taxation revenue is measured at the nominal value of cash, and cash equivalents. Assets and revenue recognised as a consequence of a transfer are measured at the fair value of the assets recognised as at the date of recognition:

- Monetary assets are measured at their nominal value unless the time value of money is material, in which case present value is used, calculated using a discount rate that reflects the risk inherent in holding the asset; and
- Non-monetary assets are measured at their fair value, which is determined by reference to observable market values or by independent appraisal by a member of the valuation profession. Receivables are recognised when a binding transfer arrangement is in place but cash or other assets have not been received.

22. VAT

Value added tax is only included in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement if it is irrecoverable. Generally, the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement excludes VAT as any collected is paid to HM Revenues and Customs and any VAT paid is recoverable from them.

23. Fair Value

The Police and Crime Commissioner measures some of his financial instruments at fair value at each reporting date. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value measurement assumes that the transaction to sell the asset or transfer the liability takes place either:

- in the principal market for the asset or liability, or
- in the absence of a principal market, in the most advantageous market for the asset or liability

The Police and Crime Commissioner measures the fair value of an asset or liability using the assumptions that market participants would use when pricing the asset or liability, assuming that market participants act in their economic best interest.

Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts

The purpose of this statement is to set out the responsibilities of the Chief Constable and the Chief Financial Officer in respect of the Statement of Accounts.

The Chief Constable's Responsibilities

The Chief Constable is required:-

- * to make arrangements for the proper administration of its financial affairs and to secure that one of its officers has the responsibility for the administration of those affairs. In this organisation, that officer is the Chief Financial Officer (Director of Finance and Resources).
- * to manage its affairs to secure economic, efficient and effective use of resources and safeguard its assets.
- * approve the statement of accounts.

I approve this Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31 March 2017.


Mark Polin Chief Constable for North Wales

Date: 20.9.17

The Chief Financial Officer's Responsibilities

The Chief Financial Officer is responsible for the preparation of the Statement of Accounts in accordance with proper practices as set out in the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom ('the Code').

In preparing this Statement of Accounts, the Chief Financial Officer has:

- * selected suitable accounting policies and then applied them consistently.
- * made judgments and estimates that were reasonable and prudent.
- * complied with the Code of Practice.

The Chief Financial Officer has also:

- * kept proper accounting records which were up to date.
- * taken reasonable steps for the prevention and detection of fraud and other irregularities.

CHIEF FINANCIAL OFFICERS CERTIFICATE

The statement of accounts has been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014, and reflects the format and content of the Chartered Institute of Public Finance and Accountancy (CIPFA) Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting 2016-2017 and the Service Reporting Code of Practice.

I certify that this Statement of accounts give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable at the reporting date and of its income and expenditure for the year ended 31 March 2017.

The audit certificate appears on pages 59 to 60.

Tracey Martin (Chief Financial Officer) 

Date: 20.9.17

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Expenditure and Funding Analysis

The objective of the Expenditure and Funding Analysis is to demonstrate to council tax payers how the funding available to the Chief Constable for the year has been used in providing services in comparison with those resources consumed or earned by the Chief Constable in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. The Expenditure and Funding Analysis also shows how this expenditure is allocated for decision making purposes. Income and expenditure accounted for under generally accepted accounting practices is presented more fully in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund	Adjustments between accounting and funding basis (Note 3)	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement	Net Expenditure chargeable to the General Fund	Adjustments between accounting and funding basis (Note 3)	Net Expenditure in the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement
	2015-2016			2016-2017		
	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000	£'000
Policing Services	172,098	-4,464	167,634	175,907	-18,156	157,751
Net Cost of Services before intra group transfer	172,098	-4,464	167,634	175,907	-18,156	157,751
Intra Group Transfer	-172,098	0	-172,098	-175,907	0	-175,907
Net Cost of Services	0	-4,464	-4,464	0	-18,156	-18,156
Other Income and Expenditure	0	50,929	50,929	0	48,165	48,165
Surplus(-)/Deficit(+) on provision of services	0	46,465	46,465	0	30,009	30,009

Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

This statement shows the accounting cost in the year of providing services in accordance with generally accepted accounting practices. The overall net cost of services is nil as the operational cost of policing is funded via a transfer from the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Chief Constable. The overall financial position is reported within the Group Financial Statements.

Gross Expenditure		Gross Expenditure
2015-2016 £000		2016-2017 £000
Restated		
51,931	Police Officers	52,452
33,354	Support Staff	32,957
43,769	Pensions	35,942
1,865	Allowances	1,682
1,851	Indirect Employees Expenses	648
6,048	Premises	6,156
2,771	Transport Expenses	2,646
17,792	Supplies and Services	17,394
9,651	Third Party Payments	9,836
104	Support Services	103
0	Depreciation, amortisation and impairment	0
-1,878	PCC expenditure on grants and initiatives	-1,991
376	Uncompensated absences accrual	-74
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167,634	Cost of Services	157,751
-172,098	Commissioning Costs (intra-group transfer)	-175,907
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-4,464	Net Cost of Services	-18,156
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50,929	Financing & investment income and expenditure	48,165
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46,465	Surplus (-)/Deficit (+) on Provision of Services	30,009
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-227,514	Actuarial Gains (-)/Losses (+) on pensions assets/liabilities	286,212
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-227,514	Other Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	286,212
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181,049	Intra group transfer	-316,221
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0	Total Comprehensive Income and Expenditure	0
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Movement in Reserves Statement

This statement shows the movement in the year on the different reserves held by the Chief Constable.

	General Fund Balance	Capital Receipts Reserve	Capital Grants Unapplied	Total Usable Reserves	Unusable Reserves	Total Chief Constable Reserves
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance at 31 March 2015	0	0	0	0	-4,176	-4,176
<u>Movement in reserves during 2015-16</u>						
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	-46,465	0	0	-46,465	46,089	-376
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (Note 4)	46,465	0	0	46,465	-46,465	0
Net increase (+)/decrease (-) in 2015-16	0	0	0	0	-376	-376
Balance at 31 March 2016 carried forward	0	0	0	0	-4,552	-4,552
<u>Movement in reserves during 2016-17</u>						
Total Comprehensive Expenditure and Income	-30,009	0	0	-30,009	30,083	74
Adjustments between accounting basis & funding basis under regulations (Note 4)	30,009	0	0	30,009	-30,009	0
Net increase (+)/decrease (-) in 2016-17	0	0	0	0	74	74
Balance at 31 March 2017 carried forward	0	0	0	0	-4,478	-4,478

Balance Sheet

The Balance Sheet shows the assets and liabilities recognised by the Chief Constable. The net assets position is nil as the intra-group transactions transfer the assets and liabilities into the Group/Police and Crime Commissioner's accounts. The Chief Constable does not hold any reserves to meet any obligations as these are held by the Group and the overall financial position is reported within the Group Financial Statements.

31 March 2016		31 March 2017
£000		£000
1,366,201	Long Term Debtor with the PCC (Note 14)	1,682,496
1,366,201	Long Term Assets	1,682,496
304	Inventories (Note 10)	776
912	Prepayments (Note 11)	3,592
7,515	Intra Group Transfer (Note 1)	7,717
8,731	Current Assets	12,085
-12,067	Short Term Creditors (Note 12)	-12,195
-1,216	Intra group Transfer (Note 1)	-4,368
-13,283	Current Liabilities	-16,563
-1,366,201	Pension Liabilities (Note 17)	-1,682,496
-1,366,201	Long Term Liabilities	-1,682,496
-4,552	Net Assets	-4,478
-4,552	Accumulated Absence Account	-4,478
-4,552	Total Unusable Reserves	-4,478

Cashflow Statement

This Cash Flow statement shows the changes in cash and cash equivalents during the reporting period. All cash and cash equivalents are held by the Police and Crime Commissioner and are shown within the Group Accounts.

2015-2016 £000		2016-2017 £000
46,465	Net surplus (-) or deficit (+) on the provision of services	30,009
-46,465	Adjust net surplus (-) or deficit (+) on the provision of services for non-cash movements	-30,009
0	Adjust for items included in the net surplus (-) or deficit (+) on the provision of services that are investing and financing activities	0
0	Net cash flows from Operating Activities	0
0	Investing activities	0
0	Financing Activities	0
0	Net increase (-) or decrease (+) in cash and cash equivalents	0
0	Cash and cash equivalents at the beginning of the reporting period	0
0	Cash and cash equivalents at the end of the reporting period	0

Notes to the Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts

1. Intra Group Transfer

The intra group transfer represents the short term amounts due relating to creditors, prepayments, inventories and adjustments between the accounting basis and funding basis received by the Chief Constable as at the 31 March 2017.

2. Restatement of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement

The 2016-2017 Code changes the segmental reporting requirements for the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement (CIES) and introduced the Expenditure and Funding Analysis (EFA). There is no longer the requirement to report the cost of individual services in accordance with CIPFA's Service Reporting Code of Practice (SeRCOP). The new format is in line with the Code requirements that reporting should follow in-year internal reporting of income and expenditure. A restatement is therefore required to the comparative figures for 2015-2016 in accordance with the Code.

3. Notes to the Expenditure and Funding Analysis

Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis 2016-2017				
Adjustments from General Fund to arrive at the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement amounts	Adjustments for Capital Purposes	Net change for the Pensions Adjustments	Other Differences	Total Adjustments
	(Note 1)	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	
Chief Constable	0	-18,082	-74	-18,156
Net Cost of Service	0	-18,082	-74	-18,156
Other income and expenditure from the Expenditure Funding Analysis	0	48,165	0	48,165
Difference between the General Fund surplus/deficit and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement surplus/deficit on the provision of services	0	30,083	-74	30,009

Adjustments between Funding and Accounting Basis 2015-2016				
Adjustments from General Fund to arrive at the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement amounts	Adjustments for Capital Purposes	Net change for the Pensions Adjustments	Other Differences	Total Adjustments
	(Note 1)	(Note 2)	(Note 3)	
Chief Constable	0	-4,840	376	-4,464
Net Cost of Service	0	-4,840	376	-4,464
Other income and expenditure from the Expenditure Funding Analysis	0	50,929	0	50,929
Difference between the General Fund surplus/deficit and the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement surplus/deficit on the provision of services	0	46,089	376	46,465

Note 1: Adjustments for Capital Purposes

This column adds in depreciation and impairment and revaluation gains and losses in the services line, and for:

Other operating expenditure – adjusts for capital disposals with a transfer of income on disposal of assets and the amounts written off for those assets;

Financing and investment income and expenditure – the statutory charges for capital financing i.e. Minimum Revenue Provision and other revenue contributions are deducted from other income and expenditure as these are not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices;

Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure – capital grants are adjusted for income not chargeable under generally accepted accounting practices. Revenue grants are adjusted from those receivable in the year to those receivable without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied throughout the year. The Taxation and Non Specific Grant Income and Expenditure line is credited with capital grants receivable in the year without conditions or for which conditions were satisfied in the year.

As all property, plant and equipment assets are held by the Police and Crime Commissioner, there are no adjustments in the Chief Constable's accounts in respect of capital accounting and financing.

Note 2: Net change for pension adjustments

Net change for the removal of pension contributions and the addition of IAS 19 Employee Benefits pension related expenditure and income:

For **services** this represents the removal of the employer pension contributions made by the authority as allowed by statute and the replacement with current service costs and past service costs;

For **Financing and investment income and expenditure** – the net interest on the defined benefit liability is charged to the CIES.

Note 3: Other Differences

Other differences between amounts debited/credited to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and amounts payable/receivable to be recognised under statute:

For **Financing and investment income and expenditure** the other differences column recognises adjustments to the General Fund for the timing differences for premiums and discounts;

The charge under **Taxation and non-specific grant income and expenditure** represents the difference between what is chargeable under statutory regulations for council tax and NDR that was projected to be received at the start of the year and the income recognised under generally accepted accounting practices in the Code. This is a timing difference as any difference will be brought forward in future Surpluses or Deficits on the Collection Fund.

4. Adjustment between Accounting Basis and Funding Basis under Regulations

This note details the adjustments that are made to the total comprehensive income and expenditure recognised by the Police and Crime Commissioner in the year in accordance with proper accounting practice to the resources that are specified by statutory provisions as being available to the Police and Crime Commissioner to meet future capital and revenue expenditure.

The majority of the adjustments relate to the accounts of the Commissioner. The exceptions are the adjustments in respect of the pensions Reserve and the Accumulated Absence account which are presented below.

2016-2017	Usable Reserves			Movement in Unusable Reserves £000
	General Fund Balance £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	
Adjustments to Revenue Resources:				
Pensions costs (transferred to (or from) the pensions reserve)				
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	30,083	0	0	-30,083
Revaluation losses on Property, plant and equipment				
Capital grants and contributions applied				
Holiday Pay (transferred to the accumulated absences account)	-74	0	0	74
Financial Instruments (transferred to the FIAA)				
Reversal of entries included in the SDPS in relation to capital expenditure (charged to the CAA).				
Total Adjustments to Revenue Resources	30,009	0	0	-30,009
Total Adjustments	30,009	0	0	-30,009

2015-2016	Usable Reserves			Movement in Unusable Reserves £000
	General Fund Balance £000	Capital Receipts Reserve £000	Capital Grants Unapplied £000	
Adjustments to Revenue Resources:				
Pensions costs (transferred to (or from) the pensions reserve)				
Charges for depreciation and impairment of non-current assets	46,089	0	0	-46,089
Revaluation losses on Property, plant and equipment				
Capital grants and contributions applied				
Holiday Pay (transferred to the accumulated absences account)	376	0	0	-376
Financial Instruments (transferred to the FIAA)				
Reversal of entries included in the SDPS in relation to capital expenditure (charged to the CAA).				
Total Adjustments to Revenue Resources	46,465	0	0	-46,465
Total Adjustments	46,465	0	0	-46,465

5. Accounting Standards that have been issued but have not yet been adopted

The Code requires the Chief Constable to disclose information relating to the impact of an accounting change that will be required by a new accounting standard that has been issued but not yet adopted by the Code. The following changes will be required from 1 April 2017 and are not considered to have a significant impact upon the Statement of Accounts:

- a) Amendment to the reporting of pension fund scheme transaction costs – this is to aid users of the accounts understand the cost of pension fund management expenses by disclosure of total direct transactional costs for

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each significant asset class. The impact of this amendment is not expected to have a significant impact on the Statement of Accounts.

- b) Amendment to the reporting of investment concentration – the impact of this amendment is not expected to have a material effect upon the Statement of Accounts.

6. Critical Judgements in applying Accounting Policies

In applying the accounting policies set out in the Statements, the Chief Constable has had to make certain judgements about complex transactions or those involving uncertainty about future events. The critical judgements made in the Statement of Accounts are:-

- There has been a reduction in funding from the government since 2011-2012. This has necessitated a structural review and resulted in the Chief Constable awarding voluntary redundancies for a number of employees. There are plans in place to meet the budget deficit, however, it is not certain whether the current levels of contraction will be sufficient in order to meet the deficit over the period and therefore further redundancies may be necessary.

7. Assumptions Made About the Future and Other Major Source of Estimation Uncertainty

The Statement of Accounts contains estimated figures that are based on assumptions made by the Chief Constable about the future or that are otherwise uncertain. Estimates are made taking into account historical experience, current trends and other relevant factors. However, because balances cannot be determined with certainty, actual results could be materially different from the assumptions and estimates.

Items within the Chief Constable's Balance Sheet as at 31 March 2017 for which there is a significant risk of material adjustment in the forthcoming year are as follows:

Item	Uncertainties	Effect if Actual results Differ from Assumptions
Pensions Liability	Estimation of the net liability to pay pensions depends on a number of complex judgements relating to the discount rate used, the rate at which salaries are projected to increase, changes in retirement ages, mortality rates and expected return on pension funds' assets. A firm of consulting actuaries is engaged to provide the Chief Constable with expert advice about the assumptions to be applied.	The effects on the net pension liability of changes in individual assumptions can be measured. The impact of increase or decrease in the assumptions e.g. increase or decrease in the discount rate is set out in Note 17. During 2016-2017 the Police and Crime Commissioner actuaries advised that the net pension liability had increased by £316.295 million as a result of the 2016 actuarial valuation exercise. This is mainly attributed to changes incurred from remeasurements of the assumptions and estimations.

8. Material Items of Income and Expense

All applicable material items of income and expenditure have been set out on the face of the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement.

9. Events after the Balance Sheet Date

Material events taking place after the reporting date but prior to the financial statements being authorised for issue are reflected in the financial statements and notes. Where events taking place provided information about conditions existing at 31 March 2017 the figures in the financial statements and notes have been adjusted in all material respects to reflect the impact of this information.

10. Inventories

	HQ Stores		Other Stores		Total
	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-2017	2015-2016	2016-17
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Balance outstanding at start of year	193	190	111	186	304
Purchases	434	376	679	246	1,113
Recognised as an expense in the year	-445	-373	-196	-316	-641
Written off balances	0	0	0	-5	0
Reversal of write-offs in previous years	0	0	0	0	0
Balance outstanding at year end	182	193	594	111	776

11. Prepayments

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due in one year -		
Central Government Bodies	0	0
Other Local Authorities	3	56
NHS Bodies	0	0
Public Corporations and Trading Funds	77	47
Other entities and individuals	3,512	809
	3,592	912

12. Creditors

	31.3.17	31.3.16
	£'000	£'000
Amounts falling due in one year -		
Central Government Bodies	2,664	2,753
Other Local Authorities	1,527	1,474
NHS Bodies	10	30
Public Corporations and Trading Funds	19	71
Other entities and individuals	7,975	7,739
	12,195	12,067

13. External Audit Costs

The Chief Constable has incurred the following costs in relation to the audit of the Statement of Accounts and certification of grant claims:

	2016-2017			2015-2016		
	Group	PCC	CC	Group	PCC	CC
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Fees payable to the Wales Audit Office with regard to external audit services carried out by the appointed auditor	90	45	45	90	45	45
Total	90	45	45	90	45	45

The above represents payments made within the financial year 2016-2017; the agreed strategy fee for the audit year November 2016 to October 2017 was £89,926 for 2016-17.

14. Officers Remuneration

The following tables set out the remuneration disclosures for Relevant Police Officers (defined as the Chief Constable and any Senior Police Officers with salary of more than £150,000 per year); Senior Police Officers (above the rank of Superintendent) and Senior Employees (designated office holder of a local government body). The amounts for the Officers and Staff below have been fully charged within the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account.

2016-2017	Notes:	Salary (including fees & allowances) £	Bonuses £	Expense Allowance £	Other Expenses £	Benefits in kind £	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions £	Pension contributions £	Total remuneration including pension contributions £
Chief Constable – M. Polin		141,616	0	0	0	5,539	147,155	0	147,155
Chief Constable – G. Pritchard	1	7,240	0	0	0	188	7,428	1,712	9,140
Deputy Chief Constable		110,955	0	80	0	3,425	114,460	26,120	140,580
Deputy Chief Constable	2	5,962	0	0	0	204	6,166	1,361	7,527
Assistant Chief Constable	3	105,316	0	6	-4,146	3,716	104,892	24,929	129,821
Assistant Chief Constable	4	5,108	0	0	0	102	5,210	1,048	6,258
Director of Finance & Resources	5	100,286	0	4,400	8,001	1,699	114,386	16,347	130,733
Force Medical Officer - Dr. A. Lister	6	36,232	0	0	0	0	36,232	5,906	42,138

Note 1: The post holder covered this post from 13/3/2017 to 31/3/2017.

Note 2: The post holder covered this post from 13/3/2017 to 31/3/2017.

Note 3: Other expenses relate to an adjustment against the previous year.

Note 4: The post holder covered this post from 13/3/2017 to 31/3/2017.

Note 5: Other expenses relate to relocation costs.

Note 6: The Force Medical Officer works reduced hours under agreement. The full time equivalent salary is £168,478.

2015-2016									
Post Holder:	Notes:	Salary (including fees & allowances) £	Bonuses £	Expense Allowance £	Other Expenses £	Benefits in kind £	Total remuneration excluding pension contributions £	Pension contributions £	Total remuneration including pension contributions £
Chief Constable – M. Polin		141,444	0	0	0	5,338	146,782	0	146,782
Deputy Chief Constable		115,830	0	0	0	3,562	119,392	27,259	146,651
Assistant Chief Constable	1	103,785	0	9	13,462	4,067	121,323	24,528	145,851
Director of Finance & Resources	2	96,774	0	11	0	2,581	99,366	21,008	120,374
Director of Finance & Resources	3	16,250	0	236	0	4,864	21,350	2,649	23,999
Assistant Director of Finance	4	59,047	0	258	0	0	59,305	9,625	68,930
Force Medical Officer - Dr. A. Lister	5	32,993	0	0	0	0	32,993	5,378	38,371

Note 1: Other expenses related to relocation costs.

Note 2: The Assistant Chief Constable covered this post from 1/4/2015 to 16/2/2016.

Note 3: The post holder commenced with effect from the 1/2/2016 and works full time.

Note 4: This post holder covered the statutory S.151 duties for the Director of Finance & Resources post from 1/4/2015 to 31/1/2016.

Note 5: The Force Medical Officer works reduced hours under agreement. The full time equivalent salary is £164,965.

2016-2017

The Chief Constable's other employees receiving more than £60,000 remuneration for the year (excluding employer's pension contributions) were paid the following amounts

Remuneration Bands	Number of Employees 2016-2017	Number of Employees 2015-2016
£60,000 - £64,999	14	16
£65,000 - £69,999	3	7
£70,000 - £74,999	8	6
£75,000 - £79,999	4	7
£80,000 - £84,999	5	1
£85,000 - £89,999	1	3
£90,000 - £94,999	0	1
£95,000 - £99,999	0	1
£100,000 - £100,499	0	0
£105,000 - £109,999	0	2
£110,000 - £114,999	0	0
£115,000 - £119,999	0	0
£120,000 - £124,999	0	0
£125,000 - £129,999	0	0
£130,000 - £134,999	0	1
£135,000 - £139,999	0	1

As a result of the redundancy exercise in 2015-16 the above table includes additional costs for some of the employees which were paid in the year.

The number of exit packages with total cost per band and the total cost of the compulsory and other redundancies are set out in the table below:

Exit packages cost band (including special payments)	Number of compulsory redundancies		Number of other departures agreed		Total number of exit packages by cost band		Total cost of exit packages in each band	
	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17	2015-16	2016-17
	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	No.	£000	£000
£ 0 - £20,000	2	0	9	0	11	0	128	0
£ 20,001 - £40,000	0	0	14	0	14	0	438	0
£ 40,001 - £60,000	1	0	8	1	9	1	459	46
£ 60,001 - £80,000	1	0	9	5	10	5	729	378
£ 80,001 and above	0	0	5	6	5	6	501	557

Median Pay Ratio

The median pay ratio compares the full time equivalent remuneration of the Chief Constable to the full time equivalent median remuneration of the staff employed by the Chief Constable.

	2016-2017	2015-2016
Chief Constable's pay	147,155	146,782
Median pay of the Chief Constable's staff	33,642	33,263
Median pay ratio:	4.4	4.4

15. Related Parties

The Chief Constable is a trustee of PACT (North Wales Police and Community Trust). The Group allocates funding from income received via the Police Property Fund Account in support of PACT projects whose objectives are to raise the profile of community safety, significantly minimise the fear of crime and thus enhance the quality of life throughout North Wales. For 2016-2017 this equated to £22,500 donated from the fund to PACT and support in meeting the costs of the Fund administration of £42,437

The Chief Constable participates in a Drug Intervention Programme which is a grant funded partnership with responsibility to reduce drug related offending and deaths through provision of support and services. The Partnership consists of officers from the Force, Community Safety Partnerships, Local Health Boards, North Wales Probation Service, North Wales Magistrates' Court, HM Prison Service, Jobcentre Plus and the Welsh Government.

16. Termination Benefits

The Chief Constable utilised the following regulations:

- the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2006 (as amended) and
- the Local Government (Early Termination of Employment) (Discretionary Compensation) (England and Wales) Regulations 2000 (as amended) and terminated the contracts of a number of employees in 2016-2017 incurring liabilities of £0.981 million (2015-2016 £2.255m) as disclosed in note 14.

17. Defined Benefits Pension Schemes

As part of the terms and conditions of employment of its officers and other employees, the Police and Crime Commissioner offers retirement benefits. Although these benefits will not actually be payable until employees retire the Police and Crime Commissioner has a commitment to make the payments (for those benefits) and to disclose them at the time employees earn their future entitlement.

The Police and Crime Commissioner participates in two pension schemes:

- The Local Government Pension Scheme (LGPS) for Police Staff and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner is administered by Gwynedd Council. This is a funded defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that the Police and Crime Commissioner and employees pay contributions into a fund, calculated at a level intended to balance the pension's liabilities to investment assets. The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are one scheduled body within the LGPS and are not split in the accounts.

Arrangements for the award of discretionary post-retirement benefits upon early retirement – this is an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which the liabilities are recognised when awards are made. However, there are no investment assets built up to meet these pension liabilities, and cash has to be generated to meet actual pension payments as they eventually fall due.

The Gwynedd Pension Fund is operated under the regulatory framework for the Local Government Pension Scheme and the governance of the scheme is the responsibility of the Pensions Committee of Gwynedd Council. Policy is determined in accordance with the Pensions Fund regulations. The investment managers of the fund are appointed by the committee.

The principal risks to the Police and Crime Commissioner of the scheme are the longevity assumptions, statutory changes to the scheme (e.g. large-scale withdrawals from the scheme), changes to inflation, bond yields and the performance of equity investments held by the scheme. These are mitigated to a certain extent by the statutory requirements to charge the General Fund the amounts required by statute as described in the accounting policies note.

- The Police Pension Scheme for Police Officers. This is an unfunded defined benefit final salary scheme, meaning that there are no investment assets built up to meet the pensions liabilities, and cash has to be generated to meet actual pensions payments as they eventually fall due. Under the Police Pension Fund Regulations 2007, if the amounts receivable by the pensions fund for the year is less than the amounts payable, the Police and Crime Commissioner must annually transfer an amount required to meet the deficit to the pension fund. Subject to parliamentary scrutiny and approval, up to 100% of this cost is met by central government pension top-up grant. If however the pension fund is in surplus for the year, the surplus is required to be transferred from the pension fund to the Police and Crime Commissioner who then must repay the amount to central government.

Discretionary Post-retirement Benefits

These benefits on early retirement are an unfunded defined benefit arrangement, under which liabilities are recognised when awards are made. There are no plan assets to build up to meet these pension liabilities.

Transactions Relating to Post-Employment Benefits:

The Police and Crime Commissioner recognises the cost of retirement benefits in the reported cost of services when they are earned by employees rather than when the benefits are eventually paid as pensions. However, the charge we are required to make against council tax is based on the cash payable in the year, so the real cost of employment/retirement benefits is reversed out of the General Fund via the Movement in Reserves Statement. The following transactions have been made in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account and the Movement in Reserves Statement during the year:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Police Pension Scheme		Total
	2016-2017 £000	2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000	2015-2016 £000	2016-2017 £000
Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement					
<i>Cost of Services:</i>					
<i>Service Cost comprising:</i>					
Current Service Cost	-6,418	-7,938	-19,800	-25,580	-26,218
Unfunded Benefits Contributions	116	115	0	0	116
Past Service Gains (-)/Losses (+)	-126	-9	-50	-20	-176
Gain (-)/loss(+) from settlements	0	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	-130	-310	-130
Police Pension top-up grant receivable	0	0	22,763	17,212	22,763
<i>Financing and investment income and expenditure</i>					
Net interest expense	-1,615	-2,149	-46,550	-48,780	-48,165
Total Post Employment Benefit charged to the Surplus or Deficit on the Provision of Services	-8,043	-9,981	-43,767	-57,478	-51,810
<i>Other Post Employment Benefit Charged to the Comprehensive Income & Expenditure Statement</i>					
<i>Remeasurement of the net defined benefit liability comprising:</i>					
Return on plan assets (excluding the amount included in the net interest expense)	23,585	-957	0	0	23,585
Actuarial gains(+) and losses (-) arising on changes in demographic assumptions	764	0	-30,440	21,960	-29,676
Actuarial gains (+) and losses (-) arising on changes in financial assumptions	-29,828	23,896	305,890	130,960	276,062
Other experience gains (+) and losses (-)	-6,703	1,785	-1,420	49,870	-8,123
Total Post Employment Benefit charged to the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Account	-20,225	14,743	230,263	145,312	210,038
Movement in Reserves Statement					
Reversal of net charges made to the Surplus or Deficit for the Provision of post-employment benefits in accordance with the code	-8,043	-9,981	-43,767	-54,478	-51,810
<i>Actual amount charged against the General Fund balance for pensions in the year:</i>					
Employer's contributions payable to scheme	5,540	5,522			5,540
Retirement benefits payable to pensioners			16,187	15,848	16,187

Pensions Assets and Liabilities Recognised in the Balance Sheet.

The amount included in the balance sheet arising from the Police and Crime Commissioner's obligation in respect of its defined benefit plans is as follows:

	Local Government Pension Scheme		Police Pension Scheme	
	31 March 2017 £000	31 March 2016 £000	31 March 2017 £000	31 March 2016 £000
Present value of the defined benefit obligation	239,653	192,222	1,622,080	1,320,470
Fair value of plan assets	-179,237	-146,491	0	0
Sub-total	60,416	45,731	1,622,080	1,320,470
Other movement in the liability (+)/asset (-) (if applicable)	0	0	0	0
Net Liability arising from the defined benefit obligation	60,416	45,731	1,622,080	1,320,470

Reconciliation of the Movement in the Fair Value of the Scheme (Plan) Assets

	Local Government Pension Scheme	
	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£000	£000
Opening fair value of the scheme assets	146,491	138,729
Interest income	5,192	4,506
Remeasurement gain (+)/loss (-):		
- the return on plan assets, excluding the amount included in the net interest expense	23,585	-957
- Other (if applicable)	0	0
The effect of changes in foreign exchange rates	0	0
Contribution from employer	5,540	5,522
Contributions from employees into the scheme	1,876	1,925
Benefits paid	-3,447	-3,234
Other (if applicable)	0	0
Closing fair value of the scheme assets	179,237	146,491

Reconciliation of the Present Value of the Scheme Liabilities (Defined Benefit Obligation)

	Funded Liabilities: Local Government Pension Scheme		Unfunded Liabilities: Police Pension Scheme	
	31 March 2017	31 March 2016	31 March 2017	31 March 2016
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Opening balance at 1 April	192,222	204,725	1,320,470	1,481,630
Current service cost	6,418	7,938	19,800	25,580
Interest cost	6,807	6,655	46,550	48,780
Contributions from scheme participants	1,876	1,925	7,050	7,260
Remeasurement gains (-) and losses (+):				
- Actuarial gains/losses arising from changes in demographic assumptions	-764	0	-30,440	-21,960
- Actuarial gains/losses arising from changes in financial assumptions	29,828	-23,896	305,890	-130,960
- Other experience gains/losses	6,703	-1,785	-1,420	-49,870
Past service costs	126	9	50	20
Losses (+)/gains (-) on curtailment (where relevant)	0	0	0	0
Liabilities assumed on entity combinations	0	0	0	0
Transfers In	0	0	130	310
Benefits paid	-3,447	-3,234	-46,000	-40,320
Liabilities extinguished on settlements (where applicable)	-116	-115	0	0
Closing balance at the 31 March	239,653	192,222	1,622,080	1,320,470

Local Government Pension Scheme assets comprised:

	Local Government Pension Scheme 2016-2017			Local Government Pension Scheme 2015-2016		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets	Prices not quoted in Active Markets	Total	Quoted Prices in Active Markets	Prices not quoted in Active Markets	Total
	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000	£000
Cash and cash equivalents	6,743	0	6,743	4,512	0	4,512
Sub-total	6,743	0	6,743	4,512	0	4,512
Equity Securities: <i>By industry type:</i>						
Consumer	6,145	0	6,145	4,659	0	4,659
Manufacturing	5,550	0	5,550	0	0	0
Energy & Utilities	998	0	998	803	0	803
Financial Institutions	3,438	0	3,438	2,388	0	2,388
Health and Care	8,847	0	8,847	8,446	0	8,446
Information technology	7,207	0	7,207	4,848	0	4,848
Other	491	0	491	5,836	0	5,836
Sub-total	32,676	0	32,676	26,980	0	26,980
Debt Securities:						
Corporate Bonds (investment grade)	0	0	0	0	0	0
Corporate Bonds (non-investment grade)	0	0	0	0	0	0
UK Government	0	0	0	0	0	0
Other	0	22,391	22,391	0	19,578	19,578
Sub-total	0	22,391	22,391	0	19,578	19,578
Property: <i>By type:</i>						
UK Property	3,938	9,787	13,725	2,795	12,334	15,129
Overseas Property	0	364	364	0	277	277
Sub-total	3,938	10,151	14,089	2,795	12,611	15,406
Derivatives:						
Inflation	0	0	0	0	0	0
Sub-total	0	0	0	0	0	0
Private Equity:						
UK and overseas	0	8,097	8,097	0	5,952	5,952
Sub-total	0	8,097	8,097	0	5,952	5,952
Other Investment Funds and unit trusts:						
Equities	38,310	54,528	92,838	29,735	43,109	72,844
Bonds	0	0	0	0	0	0
Infrastructure	0	2,403	2,403	0	1,219	1,219
Sub-total	38,310	56,931	95,241	29,735	44,328	74,063
Totals	81,667	97,570	179,237	64,022	82,469	146,491

Basis for estimating Assets and Liabilities

Liabilities have been assessed on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method, an estimate of the pensions that will be payable in future years dependent on assumptions about mortality rates, salary levels etc.

The Local Government Pension Scheme liabilities have been estimated by Hymans Robertson and the Police Pension Scheme liabilities have been estimated by the Government Actuary's Department. These are both independent actuary organisations, estimates for the Local Government Pension Scheme being based on the latest full valuation of the scheme as at 31 March 2013.

The estimation of the defined benefit obligations is sensitive to the actuarial assumptions used. The sensitivity analyses below have been determined based on reasonably possible changes of the assumptions occurring at the end of the reporting period and assumes for each change that the assumption analyses changes while all the other assumptions remain constant. The assumptions in longevity, for example, assume that life expectancy increases or decreases for men and women. In practice, this is unlikely to occur, and changes in some of the assumptions may be interrelated. The estimation in the sensitivity analyses have followed the accounting policies for the scheme i.e. on an actuarial basis using the projected unit credit method. The methods and types of assumptions used in preparing the sensitivity analysis below did not change from those used in the previous period.

2016-2017	Local Government Pension Scheme		Police Pension Scheme	
	Increase in assumption	Decrease in assumption	Increase in assumption	Decrease in assumption
	£000	£000	£000	£000
Longevity (increase (+) or decrease (-) in 1 year)	9,595	-9,595	37,900	-37,900
Rate of inflation (increase (+) or decrease (-) by 0.5%)	22,002	-22,002	130,900	-130,900
Rate of increase in salaries (increase (+) or decrease (-) by 0.5%)	7,089	-7,089	13,900	-13,900
Rate of increase in pensions (increase (+) or decrease (-) by 0.5%)	22,002	-22,002	130,900	-130,900
Rate for discounting scheme liabilities (increase (-) or decrease (+) by 0.5%)	-29,675	29,675	-156,900	156,900

Asset and Liability Matching (ALM) Strategy

The pensions committee of Gwynedd Council does not have an asset and liability matching strategy (ALM). Responsibility for the Fund's risk management strategy rests with the pensions committee. The Pension Fund's overall risk management programme focuses on the unpredictability of financial markets and seeks to minimise potential adverse effects on the resources available to pay pensions. The Administering Authority has produced a Funding Strategy Statement in conjunction with the Fund's Actuaries, which states how solvency and risk will be managed in relation to liabilities. The Strategy was reviewed and updated following the actuarial valuation in 2016 and has taken an overall view of the level of risk inherent in the investment policy set out in Investment Strategy Statement published under Regulation 12 of the Local Government Pension Scheme (Management and Investment of Funds) Regulations 2016, (the investment regulations) and the funding policy set out in the Statement. These documents continue to be reviewed to ensure that the overall risk profile remains appropriate.

Impact on the Police and Crime Commissioner's Cash Flows

The objectives of the scheme are to keep employers' contributions at as constant a rate as possible. Gwynedd County Council has agreed a strategy with the scheme's actuary to achieve a funding level of 100% over the next 20 years. Funding levels are monitored on an annual basis. The next triennial valuation is due to be completed on the 31 March 2019.

The scheme will need to take account of the national changes to the scheme under the Public Pensions Services Act 2013. Under the Act, the Local Government Pensions Scheme in England and Wales and the other main existing public service schemes may not provide benefits in relation to service after 31 March 2014 (or service after 31 March 2015 for other main existing public service pension schemes in England and Wales). The Act provides for scheme regulations to be made within a common framework, to establish new career average revalued earnings schemes to pay pensions and other benefits to certain public servants.

The Police and Crime Commissioner anticipated to pay £5,515,000 expected contributions to the scheme in 2016-2017.

The weighted average duration of the defined benefit obligation for the Local Government Pension Scheme is 22.2 years, 2016-2017, (22.7 years 2015-2016). The weighted average for the Police Pension Scheme is 21.0 years, 2016-17, (22.0 years 2015-16).

18. Members' Allowances

Audit Committee's costs have been shared equally between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable. The below total represents the total cost for the year.

	2016-2017		2015-2016	
	£000	Number of Members	£000	Number of Members
Allowances	11	5	8	5
Expenses	1		1	
	12		9	

Further information on members paid allowances can be found at www.northwales-pcc.gov.uk.

19. Financial Instruments including Nature and Extent of Risks Arising

The financial risks and reward are borne by the Group and the accounting, notes and supporting disclosures are held within the Group/PCC Accounts.

20. Partnership Schemes

The Group is involved in partnership work with DangerPoint Ltd and Police and Community Trust (PACT). Details of PACT and DangerPoint accounts are available upon request if required.

21. Jointly Controlled Operations/Collaboration

The Police and Crime Commissioner is part to a number of collaborations (both regional and national). In all instances the Group accounts reflect their share of income, expenditure and cash flows arising from the structure of the arrangement. As the Police and Crime Commissioner received all income and funding, any income receivable from the structure of the arrangement will be credited in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement of the Police and Crime Commissioner. As the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement of the Chief Constable contains the expenditure arising from these collaborations, the Police and Crime Commissioner credits the Chief Constable with an equivalent amount through the intra group funding.

CIPFA guidance on accounting for collaboration has been considered in determining the nature of the relationships and, as most arrangements have joint control through a strategic management board, it is considered that most are correctly classified as joint operations. Some arrangements are of a collaborative nature but are classified as third party payments. Others involve officers from individual forces carrying out duties on a regional basis but funded by a lead force from grants made by the Home Office, other agencies or are self-funded from fees and charges.

The following groups the arrangements into:

- Collaboration – Joint Operations
- Collaboration – Third Party payments
- Collaboration – Grant/self-funded

Collaboration – Joint Operations

Titan was established in April 2009 bringing together the six regional police forces in collaboration to tackle serious and organised crime across the North West. It compasses the work of a number of teams with Merseyside as the lead force. The accounts reflect our share of the income and expenditure of the various arrangements as follows:

2015-2016 Net Expenditure £000		2016-2017		
		Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000
292	Regional Crime Unit	222	0	222
46	Prisoner Intelligence	68	-23	45
26	Regional Intelligence Unit	30	-21	9
99	Technical Surveillance Unit	180	-16	164
61	Protected Persons Service	96	0	96
197	Confidential Unit	179	-17	162
0	Regional Asset Recovery Team	53	-53	0
5	Operational Security Officer	13	-7	6
0	Cyber Crime	29	-29	0
0	GAIN	4	-4	0
53	Undercover Forensics	107	0	107
0	Other Titan Grants	72	-28	44
779	Total	1,053	-198	855

The following joint operations have Cheshire as lead force:

2015-2016 Net Expenditure £000		2016-2017		
		Expenditure £000	Income £000	Net Expenditure £000
4	Joint Underwater Search Unit	99	-31	68
16	Regional Firearms	21	0	21
0	Armed Policing Alliance	2,954	-82	2,872
0	Dogs Alliance	625	-1	624
7	Regional Specialist Capability Programme	0	0	0
9	ANPR	14	0	14
36	Total	3,713	-114	3,599

The Dog Alliance commenced in 2016-2017, there are no comparative figures for 2015-2016.

The following operations are collaboration with other forces in Wales. The notional share of the expenditure and income has been reflected in the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement allocated by population percentage across Wales.

SHARE OF SERVICE COLLABORATION 2016-2017		Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit	Counter Terrorism Specialist Advisors
Gross Expenditure	Population %	£000	£000
Dyfed-Powys	16.65%	1,081	81
Gwent	18.77%	1,219	91
North Wales	22.41%	1,455	109
South Wales	42.17%	2,737	205
Total:	100.00%	6,492	486

Total Income & Grants	Population %	£000	£000
Dyfed-Powys	16.65%	-1,081	-81
Gwent	18.77%	-1,219	-91
North Wales	22.41%	-1,455	-109
South Wales	42.17%	-2,737	-205
Total:	100.00%	-6,492	-486

SHARE OF SERVICE COLLABORATION 2015-2016		Counter Terrorism Intelligence Unit	Counter Terrorism Specialist Advisors
Gross Expenditure	Population %	£000	£000
Dyfed-Powys	16.71%	950	74
Gwent	18.77%	1,067	83
North Wales	22.45%	1,276	99
South Wales	42.07%	2,390	184
Total:	100.00%	5,683	440
Total Income & Grants	Population %	£000	£000
Dyfed-Powys	16.71%	-950	-74
Gwent	18.77%	-1,067	-83
North Wales	22.45%	-1,276	-99
South Wales	42.07%	-2,390	-184
Total:	100.00%	-5,683	-440

Debtors and creditors in respect of the above arrangements have remained in the balance sheets of the lead forces by mutual agreement on the basis of materiality.

The Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside operates premises to accommodate the Regional Crime Unit, the Regional Intelligence Unit and the Regional Asset Recovery Team. This asset was fully funded by a capital grant from the Home Office and is included in the balance sheet of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Merseyside. If the regional arrangements are ever terminated the Home Office has the option of recovering the grant received to fund the building. If this option were not exercised, the sale proceeds would be divided between the participating forces (Cheshire, Greater Manchester, Merseyside, Lancashire, Cumbria and North Wales).

Collaboration – Third Party Payments

The only significant of these arrangements is the payment made towards the National Police Air Service (NPAS) which was £1.038 million in 2016-2017 (£1.394 million in 2015-2016).

Collaboration – Grant/Self-funding

In a small number of collaboration arrangements North Wales provided seconded officers to support the arrangements and was fully reimbursed by other forces or agencies who received grant funding from the Home Office or Welsh Government to cover all expenditure.

Police Pension Fund Account

As from 2006-2007 Police Officer Pensions are paid separately from the main revenue account. Employer and Employee contributions and other Pensions income are paid into the Police Pension Fund account and all the Police Pensions expenditure is paid out of the account. The Police Pension Scheme is an unfunded scheme and as such has no investment assets. Each individual Police and Crime Commissioner is required by legislation to operate a Pension Fund and the amounts to be paid into and out of the Pension Fund are specified by regulation. The Police Pension Fund Regulations 2007 provide that any deficit on the account is transferred to the main Police and Crime Commissioner accounts to balance the fund to nil. This deficit is reimbursed by the Home Office and is accounted for within the main Police and Crime Commissioner accounts. Similarly, any surplus arising from the expenditure being less than the income is required to be repaid to the Home Office by the Police and Crime Commissioner. Employees' and employer's contribution levels are based on percentages of pensionable pay set nationally by the Home Office and subject to triennial revaluation by the Government Actuary's Department. Long term pension obligations are detailed within note 17 Retirement Benefits. The Pension account is designed to discharge liabilities to pay pensions as they fall due and takes no account of pensions and other liabilities after the period end. All fund transactions are treated in accordance with the Police and Crime Commissioner's Accounting Policies as set out on pages 10 to 25. Administration of the Pension Fund is carried out through a third party contract agreement.

2015-2016 £000	Fund Account	2016-2017 £000
	Contributions receivable	
	From Employer:-	
12,774	- Normal	12,457
0	- Early retirements	0
825	- Capital Charge for Ill Health Retirement	899
7,267	Members Contributions	7,046
348	Transfer Values received	192
21,214	Total Income	20,594
	Benefits Payable	
30,981	Pensions	32,277
7,401	Commuted and lump sum retirement benefits	11,052
0	Lump Sum Death Benefits	20
	Payments to and on account of leavers	
35	Transfer out to other schemes	0
8	Refund of Contributions	8
38,425	Total amounts Payable	43,357
17,212	Net Amount Payable for the year before transfer from the Police Fund	22,763
-17,212	Additional Contribution from the Police Fund	-22,763
0	Net amount payable/receivable for the year	0
	Net Asset Statement:	
339	Contributions due from employer	120
-222	Unpaid pension benefits	37
-117	Other current assets and liabilities (other than liabilities to pay pensions and other benefits in the future)	-157
0	Total Liabilities	0

1. The Home Office additional contribution is based on 21.3% employer's contribution as per the actuarial Valuation. The above accounts are based on 24.2% employer's contribution as per the pension regulations.

Annual Governance Statement 2016-2017

1.0 INTRODUCTION AND BACKGROUND

- 1.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable have joint governance arrangements. Therefore, many of the controls are common to both corporations sole.
- 1.2 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable have a Scheme of Consent, which has been in place since 1 April 2014. The aim of this Scheme is to provide for proper arrangements for the management of activities on behalf of the Commissioner and the Chief Constable. The Commissioner has a statutory duty and electoral mandate to ensure an efficient and effective police service and to hold the North Wales Police Force to account on behalf of the public. The Commissioner is responsible for the totality of policing. The Chief Constable is charged with the impartial direction and control of all police officers and staff within the police force that they lead and is responsible for maintaining the Queen's Peace. The Chief Constable holds office under the Crown, but is appointed by the Commissioner. This Scheme was in effect throughout the financial year and has been agreed by all the named Senior Officers within the Scheme and the Chief Constable and Police and Crime Commissioner for North Wales.
- 1.3 Both the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable are required to have a Chief Financial Officer to undertake the statutory section 151 responsibilities. There is an established Joint Audit Committee; the purpose of the Committee is to provide independent advice and recommendation to the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable regarding the adequacy of the risk management framework, the internal control environment and financial reporting.
- 1.4 Governance is about how the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable ensure they are doing the right things, in the right way for the right people, in a timely, inclusive, open and accountable manner. It comprises the systems, processes, culture and values, by which the organisation is directed and controlled and also the activities by which it is held to account and engages with the community it serves. This Annual Governance Statement (AGS) for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable describes how the organisation can show it has discharged its two overarching statutory duties during 2016-2017:
- To secure an effective and efficient police service and
 - To be accountable for the exercise of their functions and those of people under their direction and control.

2.0 PURPOSE AND SCOPE OF RESPONSIBILITY FOR THE GOVERNANCE FRAMEWORK

- 2.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable are responsible for ensuring their business is conducted in accordance with the law and proper standards and that public money is safeguarded, properly accounted for and used effectively, efficiently and economically. They also have a duty to make arrangements to secure continuous improvement in the way in which their functions are exercised.
- 2.2 In discharging their overall responsibility, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable are also responsible for putting in place proper arrangements for the governance of their affairs and facilitating the exercise of their functions, which includes ensuring a sound system of internal control is maintained throughout the year and that arrangements are in place for the management of risk. The financial management arrangements conform principally with the governance requirements of the CIPFA Statement on the Role of the Chief Financial Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Finance Officer of the Chief Constable and the Home Office Financial Management Code of Practice for the Police Service of England and Wales 2013.
- 2.3 This statement explains how the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable have complied with the Code of Corporate Governance, which is consistent with the principles of the CIPFA/SOLACE Framework: Delivering

Good Governance in Local Government updated in 2016 and also meets the requirements of the Accounts and Audit (Wales) Regulations 2014 as amended, in relation to the statement of internal control and the publication of the annual governance statement.

- 2.4 The governance framework comprises the systems and processes, culture and values by which the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable are directed and controlled and its activities through which it accounts to, engages with and leads its communities. The framework enables the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable to monitor the achievement of their strategic objectives and consider whether those objectives have led to the delivery of appropriate, cost effective services and the achievement of value for money.
- 2.5 The system of internal control is a significant part of that framework and is designed to manage risk to a reasonable and foreseeable level. It cannot prevent all risk of failure to achieve policies, aims and objectives; it can provide only reasonable rather than absolute assurance of effectiveness. The system of internal control is based on an on-going process designed to identify and prioritise the risks to the achievement of the organisation's aims and objectives, to evaluate the likelihood of those risks being realised and the impact should they be realised, to manage them efficiently, effectively and economically.
- 2.6 The governance framework has been in place throughout the year ended the 31 March 2017 and up to the approval of the Statement of Accounts.

3.0 PRINCIPLES OF GOOD GOVERNANCE

The CIPFA/SOLACE Framework: Delivering Good Governance in Local Government sets out seven principles of good governance which underpin effective governance arrangements to ensure that the intended outcomes for stakeholders are defined and achieved.

The arrangements specific to the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable are detailed within the seven principles below.

3.1 Ethics and Integrity

There are corporate processes in place to support the core principle of ethics and integrity such as the Policing protocol 2011 which requires everyone to abide by the seven principles of public life (the Nolan principles). Additionally, the Home office Financial Management Code of Practice requires the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable to ensure that good governance is embedded within the organisations and the College of Policing Code of Ethics sets out the standards of behaviour expected for all people working in policing.

It is the Police and Crime Commissioner's code of conduct and Chief Constable's Code of Ethics in place which underpin the standards of expected conduct and behaviour. The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have policies and procedures and regulations in place that comply with law and conform to appropriate ethical standards and standards of professional behaviour. Ethical considerations are part of any business decisions taken and are set out within policies in operation within both organisations.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have an Anti-Fraud and Corruption policy and whistleblowing arrangements in place which effectively manage the risk of fraud and corruption. Processes for declaring interest and registers for gifts and hospitalities are maintained and updated as required. Both the Joint Audit Committee and the Police and Crime Panel discharged fully all the functions as identified in the relevant CIPFA publication for Audit Committees.

3.2 Openness and Stakeholder Engagement

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable promote an open and transparent culture throughout the organisations to ensure that services meet people's needs. All public meeting papers and minutes are published on the website along with any decisions taken by the Police and Crime Commissioner.

The Police and Crime Commissioner is accountable to the people of North Wales to deliver an efficient and effective police service to the people of North Wales and the Chief Constable is accountable to the Police and Crime Commissioner to ensure that an effective police service is provided to the people of North Wales.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable regularly publish information on the Commissioner's and Chief Constable's work and achievements and satisfaction of users, including the publication of a Police and Crime Plan and an Annual Report.

There is a consultation and engagement strategy in place to ensure that our services are responsive to issues raised. We regularly conduct surveys to inform our service delivery and assist in developing our priorities and objectives. Both the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have internal and external consultation mechanisms in place which are used to inform and improve services.

The Police and crime Commissioner and Chief Constable work in partnership and collaboration with other organisations to achieve shared objectives and to ensure effective delivery of services which meet the needs of the organisations. Partnership and collaboration arrangements that are in place are monitored and kept under review to ensure that performance is achieved and objectives are met.

We have an effective scrutiny function, supported by evidence & data analysis, to challenge decision makers constructively, including those who work in partnership with the Commissioner and Chief Constable. All key decisions taken include a financial impact, legal impact, equality impact and risk assessment.

The post of Chief Executive to the Police and Crime Commissioner is the designated post of Monitoring Officer and there are arrangements to record any professional advice that is required for specialist areas.

The Chief Constable has arrangements in place to record any professional advice that is required for specialist areas.

Furthermore, the Chief Financial Officers for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable complied with the CIPFA statement 'the Role of the Chief Financial Officer of the Police and Crime Commissioner and of the Chief Constable'.

3.3 Defining Outcomes

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will, as part of the strategic planning process, develop informed strategies and plans which are outcome focused, sustainable and take into account the level of resources required to adequately deliver them.

The Police and Crime Commissioner sets the police and crime objectives and these are contained in the Police and Crime Plan which is updated and published annually. Our Police and Crime Plan has been communicated to the public through the website and by various engagement activities and a brief summary is included on the council tax leaflet sent to every household, either electronically or by post.

The police and crime objectives, priorities and financial options were developed from the Police and Crime Commissioner's vision and a joint analysis of:

- Assessment of crime and the required level of service
- Consultation with local people

- Consultation with partners
- Consultation between the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable
- The findings of external audit and reviews by Wales Audit Office and HMIC
- Risk assessment

The Police and Crime Commissioner's police and crime objectives are directed and delivered by the Chief Constable and, in turn, by the Strategic Planning Board (SPB) during the year. Our performance is monitored and reported within the Annual Report, Statement of Accounts and the Medium Term Financial plan.

The Strategic Executive Board (SEB) is the forum for scrutiny of the Chief Constable by the Police and Crime Commissioner. The additional functions of the Board include:

- to take such decisions as are required by the Scheme of Governance to be taken jointly by the Commissioner and the Chief Constable; and
- to develop proposals for the delivery of the Commissioner's police and crime objectives as set out in the Plan

The Strategic Executive Board (SEB) and Strategic Planning Board (SPB) scrutinise operational and financial performance, service delivery and the achievement of the police and crime objectives. A programmed approach to delivery of plans is in place via the Strategic Planning Board (SPB).

3.4 **Determining interventions**

In order to optimise the achievement of our intended outcomes the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will ensure that there are adequate arrangements in place to deliver services which demonstrate efficiency and value for money.

Detailed resource planning is carried out annually and published within the Medium Term Financial Plan. This risk assesses resource requirements based on appropriate assumptions to enable the Police and Crime Commissioner to prioritise competing demands for services.

The annual strategic and operational planning cycle takes into account the expected level of resources required and identifies where savings and reductions are required. These are risk assessed and achievement of all plans and work streams is monitored through the Strategic Planning Board which is chaired by the Chief Constable.

Project boards are in place which monitors the implementation and achievement of agreed initiatives and plans. These are established to support robust decision making in order to achieve the required outcomes. Decision making is devolved to enable flexible and responsive action and better outcomes. Accountability is measured through the governance structure and processes in place.

3.5 **Developing Leadership**

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have defined structures and roles within the organisations to enable effective leadership. This is supported by the Manual of Governance which sets out the roles and responsibilities and is critical to enable delivery of the strategies and plans in place.

The governance arrangements have been developed in line with the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, statutory Policing Protocol Order 2012, Home Office Financial Management Code of Practice (FMCP) and existing guidance on financial and governance matters which continue to apply.

There is an approved scheme of consent in place which formalises the functions and delegation between the Commissioner and Chief Constable. The governance structure supports the implementation of planned activities

and outcomes and there is a defined meeting structure in place to ensure that planned outputs are achieved in a timely manner.

Our people are our key investment and we ensure that there are member and officer training and development programmes in place so that knowledge is kept up to date, including any professional development requirements. Our recruitment and succession planning processes ensure that we appoint the right people with the right skills into roles within the organisation.

Nationally set terms and conditions exist for officers and staff with agreed pay scales and job evaluation system and we have a performance management framework which the Commissioner and Chief Constable use to assess performance and address any improvements required. Additionally, there are annual assessments of effectiveness for the Police and Crime Panel and the Joint Audit Committee.

3.6 Managing risks and monitoring performance

Risk management and internal control is an integral part of the performance management system within both organisations. The risk management process underpins the financial management arrangements and governance processes and is fundamental to achieving our intended outcomes and supports our vision for a safer North Wales.

There is an embedded risk management culture across the organisation and at all levels. There are corporate and individual area risk registers which conform to approved national methodology and are regularly reviewed and updated and reported to committees and boards across the organisation. Risk management is a standing agenda item on all boards across the force.

Our plans, processes and policies are drawn up having due regard to the risks identified. A partnership framework is in place to ensure that any partnerships are managed appropriately including risk management.

Strategic risks and the risk management process are overseen and monitored at the Joint Audit Committee. Members of the Joint Audit Committee are able to review all risks for transparency.

Internal Audit assess the adequacy of our internal controls and report fully to the independent Joint Audit Committee. Internal and external audit have examined and reported on compliance with applicable regulations and internal controls.

The Strategic Executive Board (SEB) and Strategic Planning Board (SPB) scrutinise operational and financial performance, service delivery and the achievement of the police and crime objectives. A programmed approach to delivery of plans is in place via the Strategic Planning Board (SPB).

All Joint Audit Committee and Police and Crime Panel papers and minutes are available through the website of the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Effective arrangements are in place to ensure that data is safeguarded and appropriately collected, used, stored and shared. All data is subject to agreed retention policies and the security classification scheme in operation throughout the force. There is an established Information Security board in place to monitor arrangements and effectiveness.

The Commissioner and Chief Constable have data protection and information security policies in place which are regularly tested. Internal Audit has also reviewed our data protection and management of Information arrangements following the recent HMIC review.

There are information sharing protocols between the Commissioner and Chief Constable and also with our partners.

3.7 Demonstrating effective accountability

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable ensure that decision makers involved in service delivery are accountable to them through the processes in place in both organisations.

Standardised reporting templates are used to ensure that information is recorded in a sufficient manner and to enable effective decision making and an annual report is prepared and published which assesses the performance against the Police and Crime Plan.

The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable's websites publish information which is pertinent to the public and stakeholders. The Commissioner has been awarded the transparency quality mark by the Comparing Police and Crime Commissioner's organisation (CoPacc) in recognition of the level and breadth of information contained on the website.

The internal audit service reports to the Joint Audit Committee and has direct access to the Police and Crime Commissioner, Chief Constable and members. Recommendation for service improvements are acted upon and reported to the committee.

Independent and external reviews and inspections are routinely carried out by regulatory bodies and the reports are published and any recommendations made are acted upon.

4.0 REVIEW OF EFFECTIVENESS

4.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable have responsibility for conducting, at least annually, a review of the effectiveness of its governance framework including the system of internal control. The review of effectiveness is informed by the work of the executive managers who have responsibility for the development and maintenance of the governance environment, the head of internal audit's annual report and also by comments made by the external auditors, the Police and Crime Panel, Joint Audit Committee and other review agencies and inspectorates.

4.2 In accordance with regulations, the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable have reviewed the effectiveness of its internal audit service. In conclusion, the service has complied fully with all public sector internal auditing standards (PSIAS).

4.3 As part of our governance framework and to ensure that we review our arrangements for effectiveness, we have established a Governance Board which is charged with monitoring the arrangements for compliance and to make recommendations for the development of the governance arrangements as may be required. A review of the effectiveness of the governance framework is also informed by the activity and learning from the preceding year.

4.4 Internal Audit carried out their annual service review of our key financial systems in 2016-2017 and provided positive reports during the year and the annual report concluded:

In the Head of Internal Audit's opinion, the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable can have 'medium' assurance in the overall adequacy and effectiveness of their internal control environments, including their arrangements for governance and risk management. There are no qualifications to the Head of Internal Audit's opinion.

4.5 The Wales Audit Office annual audit letter for 2015-2016 gave an unqualified opinion on the accounts for the Police and Crime Commissioner and the Chief Constable and recorded that they had not identified any significant weaknesses in the overall framework. It also concluded that the Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable had appropriate arrangements in place to secure economy, efficiency and effectiveness in the use of their resources.

5.0 GOVERNANCE ACTION PLAN AND PROGRESS

- 5.1 In assessing the governance arrangements that are in place, the Governance Board will also develop and monitor any action plans to address any governance issues identified or where improvement to current arrangements is required. A copy of the current action plan and progress can be seen at Appendix 1 to this report.
- 5.2 The action plan for 2016-17 contained two areas for improvement. These are detailed below with their progress and current status.


Recommendation	Action	Current Status - complete Y/N?
To strengthen partnership governance arrangements.	A partnership framework has been developed that is risk managed and has governance controls within it. This will be monitored and kept under review by our Corporate Services section as part of the overall risk management process. Internal Audit has reviewed the progress made against the action plan and is satisfied that this is complete.	Yes - discharged
Joint Audit Committee training with other Forces to keep abreast of latest developments	Joint training has taken place with other Audit Committee members by the Chartered Institute of Public Finance Accountants (Cipfa).	Yes - discharged

6.0 CONCLUSION

- 6.1 No statement of internal control can provide absolute assurance against material loss; this statement is intended to provide reasonable assurance.
- 6.2 However, on the basis of the review of the sources of assurance set out in this statement, we are satisfied that the North Wales Police and Crime Commissioner had in place satisfactory governance arrangements, including appropriate systems of internal control and risk management which facilitate the effective exercise of his functions.

Signed 

Mark Polin,
Chief Constable


Tracey Martin,
Chief Finance Officer to the Chief Constable

Annual Governance Statement - Action Plan

The following areas are to be addressed in 2017-2018:-

Community Engagement:

Community engagement is at the heart of policing, this is embedded within our service delivery and within our community engagement plans. The Police and Crime Commissioner's current strategy requires reviewing to ensure that it reflects the current methods and practices deployed as part of our response to community engagement.

Accountability and Assurance:

The current Joint Audit Committee members have been in place since the formation of the Police and Crime Commissioner. Their period of tenure is now coming to its natural end as part of their terms and conditions and the Police and Crime Commissioner will need to commence recruitment for their replacement to ensure continuation of the assurance process.

Financial Planning and Performance

The Medium Term Financial Plan identified that £2.2m is to be cut from the budgets over the next four years. A Strategic Planning Board will continue to provide governance in developing plans to identify these savings.

From October 2017 HMIC require each Force to produce an annual Management Statement which sets out projections of demand, workforce capability and efficiency improvements over the medium term. The Chief Constable will be required to meet this requirement and preparations are under way to enable this.

Auditor General for Wales' report to the Chief Constable for North Wales

I have audited the accounting statements and related notes (including Expenditure and Funding Analysis) of:

- Chief Constable for North Wales; and
- North Wales Police Pension Fund

for the year ended 31 March 2017 under the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004.

The Chief Constable for North Wales' accounting statements comprise the Comprehensive Income and Expenditure Statement and Balance Sheet.

The North Wales Police Pension Fund's accounting statements comprise the Fund Account and the Net Assets Statement.

The financial reporting framework that has been applied in their preparation is applicable law and the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom

2016-17 based on International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRSs).

Respective responsibilities of the responsible financial officer and the Auditor General for Wales

As explained more fully in the Statement of Responsibilities for the Statement of Accounts set out on page 27, the responsible financial officer is responsible for the preparation of the statement of accounts, including the North Wales Police Pension Fund's accounting statements, which gives a true and fair view.

My responsibility is to audit the accounting statements and related notes in accordance with applicable law and International Standards on Auditing (UK and Ireland). Those standards require me to comply with the Financial Reporting Council's Ethical Standards for Auditors.

Scope of the audit of the accounting statements

An audit involves obtaining evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the accounting statements and related notes sufficient to give reasonable assurance that the accounting statements and related notes are free from material misstatement, whether caused by fraud or error. This includes an assessment of: whether the accounting policies are appropriate to the Chief Constable for North Wales and the North Wales Police Pension Fund's circumstances and have been consistently applied and adequately disclosed; the reasonableness of significant accounting estimates made by the responsible financial officer and the overall presentation of the accounting statements and related notes.

In addition, I read all the financial and non-financial information in the Narrative Report and Annual Governance Statement to identify material inconsistencies with the audited accounting statements and related notes and to identify any information that is apparently materially incorrect based on, or materially inconsistent with, the knowledge acquired by me in the course of performing the audit. If I become aware of any apparent material misstatements or inconsistencies, I consider the implications for my report.

Opinion on the accounting statements of the Chief Constable for North Wales

In my opinion the accounting statements and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable for North Wales as at 31 March 2017 and of its income and expenditure for the year then ended; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-17.

Opinion on the accounting statements of the North Wales Police Pension Fund

In my opinion, the pension fund accounts and related notes:

- give a true and fair view of the financial transactions of North Wales Police Pension Fund during the year ended 31 March 2017 and of the amount and disposition of the fund's assets and liabilities as at that date; and
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2016-17.

North Wales Police Chief Constable's Statement of Accounts 2016-2017

Opinion on other matters

In my opinion, the information contained in the Narrative Report is consistent with the accounting statements and related notes.

Matters on which I report by exception

I have nothing to report in respect of the following matters, which I report to you, if, in my opinion:

- adequate accounting records have not been kept;
- the accounting statements are not in agreement with the accounting records and returns;
- I have not received all the information and explanations I require for my audit; or
- the Annual Governance Statement does not reflect compliance with guidance.

Certificate of completion of audit

I certify that I have completed the audit of the accounts of the Chief Constable for North Wales and the North Wales Police Pension Fund in accordance with the requirements of the Public Audit (Wales) Act 2004 and the Auditor General for Wales' Code of Audit Practice.



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29 September 2017