

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR WILTSHIRE
CHIEF CONSTABLE OF WILTSHIRE POLICE**

AUDIT OF ACCOUNTS YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH 2024

STATEMENT IN RESPECT OF THE EXERCISE OF PUBLIC RIGHTS

Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014

Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015

This is a statement made under regulation 15(2)(b) of the Accounts and Audit Regulations 2015.

1. For a period of 30 working days commencing on 31st May 2024, any persons interested may inspect between the hours of 9.30am and 4.30pm (Monday to Friday):
 - 1.1 At the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2023 - 2024 and all accounting records relating to the 2023 – 2024 audit and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents, and may make copies of all or any part of the accounts and the said other documents;
 - 1.2 At Police HQ London Road Devizes Wiltshire SN10 2DN the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts for the financial year 2023 - 2024 and all accounting records relating to the 2023 – 2024 audit and all books, deeds, contracts, bills, vouchers, receipts and other related documents, and may make copies of all or any part of the accounts and the said other documents.
2. The accounts and other documents will be available for inspection by prior arrangement. Please telephone 01225 256926 to make an appointment to inspect the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts or 023 8212 4987 to inspect the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts. The accounts will also be available online:

Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts – <https://www.wiltshire-pcc.gov.uk/how-your-money-spent/finance-documents/>

Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts – <https://www.wiltshire.police.uk/police-forces/wiltshire-police/areas/about-us/about-us/what-we-spend/>
3. Those persons wishing to inspect the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts or the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts and all accounting records relating to the 2023 – 2024 audit and documents relating to those records are not entitled to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing information which is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality or to require any such information to be disclosed in answer to any question.
4. Information is protected on the grounds of commercial confidentiality if –
 - 4.1 its disclosure would prejudice commercial confidentiality, and
 - 4.2 there is no overriding public interest in favour of its disclosure.
5. Those persons wishing to inspect the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts or the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts and all

accounting records relating to the 2023 – 2024 audit and documents relating to those records are not entitled to inspect or copy any part of any record or document containing personal information, or to require any personal information to be disclosed in answer to any question.

6. Information is personal information if it identifies a particular individual or enables a particular individual to be identified.
7. Information is not personal information merely because it relates to a business carried on by an individual as a sole trader.
8. Information is personal information if it is information about an officer of the relevant authority which relates specifically to a particular individual and is available to the authority because –
 - 8.1 the individual holds or has held an office or employment with that authority, or
 - 8.2 payments or other benefits in respect of an office or employment under any other person are or have been made or provided to that individual by that authority.
9. During the period of 30 working days from 31st May 2024, a local government elector for any area to which the accounts relate, or his or her representative, may question the auditor, Bishop Fleming LLP, about the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts and / or the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts, and make an objection which:
 - 9.1 concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could make a public interest report, or
 - 9.2 concerns a matter in respect of which the auditor could apply for a declaration that an item of account is contrary to law.
10. The auditor's reasonable costs of complying with paragraph 9 are recoverable from the relevant authority to which the accounts relate.
11. Any questions or objections must be sent to the auditor in writing with a copy to, in respect of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire Group Statement of Accounts, to the Chief Executive of the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Wiltshire and Swindon, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN or, in respect of the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Statement of Accounts, to the Chief Constable of Wiltshire Police, Police HQ, London Road, Devizes, Wiltshire, SN10 2DN.
12. Any questions or objections should be addressed to the auditor, Bishop Fleming LLP, Salt Quay House, 4 North East Quay, Sutton Harbour, Plymouth, PL4 OBN.

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31st May 2024