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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT TO THE CHIEF CONSTABLE OF LINCOLNSHIRE

Issue of audit opinion on the financial statements

In our audit report for the year ended 31 March 2021 issued on 6 October 2023 we reported that, in our opinion, the financial statements:

- gave a true and fair view of the financial position of the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire as at 31 March 2021 and of its expenditure and income for the year then ended; and
- had been prepared properly in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2020/21.

Certificate

In our report dated 6 October 2023, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate until we had issued our Auditor's Annual Report, including our commentary on your value for money arrangements. This report has now been issued.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave an unqualified opinion and no matters have come to our attention that would have resulted in a different opinion on the financial statements or additional exception reporting on significant weaknesses in the Authority's value for money arrangements**.**

We certify that we have completed the audit of the accounts of the Chief Constable of Lincolnshire in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice issued by the National Audit Office.

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…… **Date:** 27 October 2023

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