Independent auditor's report to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire Police

In our auditor's report issued on 20 December 2023, we explained that we could not formally conclude the audit and issue an audit certificate for the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire Police for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice, until we had:

• completed the work necessary to issue our Whole of Government Accounts Component Assurance statement for the year ended 31 March 2023. We have now completed this work.

Opinion on the financial statements

In our auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2023 issued on 20 December 2023 we reported that, in our opinion the financial statements:

- give a true and fair view of the financial position of the group and the Police and Crime
 Commissioner for South Yorkshire Police as at 31 March 2023 and of the group's expenditure and
 income and the Police and Crime Commissioner's expenditure and income for the year then ended;
- have been properly prepared in accordance with the CIPFA/LASAAC Code of Practice on Local Authority Accounting in the United Kingdom 2022/23; and
- have been prepared in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014.

No matters have come to our attention since 20 December 2023 that would have a material impact on the financial statements on which we gave this opinion.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements - the Police and Crime Commissioner's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources

In our auditor's report for the year ended 31 March 2023 issued on 20 December 2023 we reported that:

• we have nothing to report in respect of whether the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire Police has made proper arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2023.

No matters have come to our attention since that date that would have resulted in any additional exception reporting on the Police and Crime Commissioner's arrangements for securing economy, efficiency and effectiveness in its use of resources for the year ended 31 March 2023.

Report on other legal and regulatory requirements – Audit certificate

We certify that we have completed the audit of the Police and Crime Commissioner of South Yorkshire Police for the year ended 31 March 2023 in accordance with the requirements of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and the Code of Audit Practice.

Use of our report

This report is made solely to the Police and Crime Commissioner for South Yorkshire Police, as a body, in accordance with Part 5 of the Local Audit and Accountability Act 2014 and as set out in paragraph 44 of the Statement of Responsibilities of Auditors and Audited Bodies published by Public Sector Audit Appointments Limited. Our audit work has been undertaken so that we might state to the Police and Crime Commissioner those matters we are required to state to the Police and Crime Commissioner in an auditor's report and for no other purpose. To the fullest extent permitted by law, we do not accept or assume responsibility to anyone other than the Police and Crime Commissioner as a body, for our audit work, for this report, or for the opinions we have formed.

Gareth D Mills

Gareth Mills, Key Audit Partner

for and on behalf of Grant Thornton UK LLP, Local Auditor

Leeds

21 February 2024