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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference –

**Approval of Disbursement of the Remaining Police Property Funds 2020/21
(PCC/445/2021)**

Summary

The purpose of this report is to agree the disbursement of the remaining Police Property Funds 2020/21 of £200,445 to be utilised for the funding of community grants through the Commissioners Operation Payback grant funding stream.

Recommendation

To agree that the remaining Police Property Funds from the financial year 2020/21 (£200,445) be utilised for the funding of community grants through Operation Payback.

This therefore will mean that there are no further funds remaining for disbursement in 2020/21.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 9/3/2021

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OPCC Meeting	16 October 2020
Police Property Fund	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the remaining funds available for disposal under The Police (Property) Act 1897 and provide information on the proposal to utilise the remaining funding for Operation Payback grant funding.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Police Property Act states property which comes into the possession of the police in connection with a crime and where the owner cannot be found can be sold, with the money being kept in the Police Property Act Fund. The same is true for property which has been forfeited by convicted persons by order of a court, as it was used or intended for use in a crime.
- 2.2 Regulation 6, paragraph 4(C) of the 1997 Regulations gives Police Crime Commissioners discretion "To make payments of such amounts as the relevant PCC may determine for such charitable purposes as they may select". Whilst not specifically stated past practice has been to make donations to registered charities.
- 2.4 At the OPCC Business meeting on 16th October 2020 the Commissioner agreed a key decision which confirmed the disbursement of funds to a number of charitable organisations as set out in Appendix A to this report and following these grants £200,455 was left for disbursement in 2020/21.

3. Proposal for Remaining Disbursement of Remaining Funds

- 3.1 In November 2020, the Commissioner launched the Operation Payback fund.
- 3.2 Grants of between £5,000 and £25,000 were available to grass roots organisations and charities through an application bid process.
- 3.3. These funds will be utilised by groups and organisations across all six local authority areas in Northumbria to deliver interventions and support in local communities affected by high and sustained levels of crime and Anti-social behaviour (ASB) and used to support local projects to repair the harm crime and ASB causes.
- 3.4 It is proposed that the remaining balance of the Police Property Fund which stands at £200,445 be utilised towards the cost of funds disbursed through Operation Payback.
- 3.5 If this disbursement is approved, this would leave no further funds available within the Police Property Fund 2020/21.

4 Recommendations

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- 4.1 To agree to utilise the remaining Police Property Fund balance of £200,445 in 2020/21 towards the cost of the Operation Payback grant funding stream.

5. Considerations

Report Exemption	Non- Exempt
Consultation	No
No consultation has been undertaken.	
Resource	Yes
Financial implications are considered within this report.	
Equality	No
An equality impact assessment is not required.	
Legal	No
There are no legal implications.	
Risk	No
There are no identified risks.	
Communication	No
A communications plan is not required.	
Evaluation	No
An evaluation is not required.	

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Police Property Fund disposals 2012/13 to 2020/21

Appendix A

Year Distributed	Recipients of Disposals											Total	Total Funds available to PCC £	Surplus c/f available funds £	
	NPCF	VSS	RHS	VFN	C O P S	PAMT	NUM	Rape Crisis	Bright Futures	PTC	Op Payback				
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£				£
2012/13	32,710	32,710	1,000										66,420	66,420	0
2013/14			1,000										1,000	50,380	49,380
2014/15	25,190		1,000		2,000	1,000							29,190	104,348	75,158
2015/16	35,000			90,000	2,000	1,000	5,000						133,000	189,229	56,229
2016/17	0			50,000	2,000	1,000	5,000						58,000	145,973	87,973
2017/18	8,000			80,000	2,000		5,000						95,000	120,404	25,404
2018/19				44,000	4,000		5,000	2,150	1,000				56,150	112,713	56,563
2019/20				32,804			4,000						36,804	156,025	119,221
2020/21	15,000				2,000	15,000	5000				10,000	200,445	247,445	247,445	0

NPCF Northumbria Police Charity Fund
 VSS Victims Support
 RHS Royal Humane Society
 VFN Victims First Northumbria

C O P S Care of Police Survivors
 PAMT Police Arboretum Memorial Trust
 NUM National Ugly Mugs
 PTC Police Treatment Centre