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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference - (PCC/466/2022)

Police Property Fund 20/21

Report of Joint Chief Finance Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the funds available for the disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897

Recommendation

To agree to;

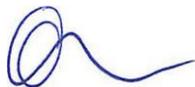
- £10,000 a year for 3 years to the Police Treatment Centre.
- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
- £6,000 top up for the Police Charity Fund

This therefore leaves £90,017 for future disbursements.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 23/06/22

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OPCC Meeting	24 th May 2022
Police Property Fund	
Report of: Joint Chief Finance Officer	
Author: Geoff Lambert, Accountant	

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the funds available for disposal under The Police (Property) Act 1897 and provide information on requests for 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 Post 2012 payments agreed have covered a wider range of charitable bodies as set out in appendix A. This also includes the recommendations in section 4 below.

3. Donations

- 3.1 In the 2020/21 financial year the total balance available for disposal was £247,445 and the following donations were made;
- £10,000 to the Police Treatment Centres.
 - £15,000 to the Police Arboretum Memorial Trust.
 - £15,000 to the Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
 - £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
 - £2,000 to the Care of police Survivors (1st year of 3 year agreement).

This left £200,445 available for future disbursements.

- 3.2 During 2020/21 the residual balance of £200,445 was transferred to the Police and Crime Commissioners Operation Payback fund leaving the balance for disposal in the Police Property fund at nil for 2020/21.
- 3.3 Subject to approval of the 2020/21 Statement of Account, there will be new funds of £113,017 (after admin charges) available for disposal in 2021/22.
- 3.3 During 2021/22 the following donations were already paid / agreed;
- £2,000 to the Care of police Survivors (2nd year of 3 year agreement).

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Following this payment the total remaining balance now available for disposal in 2021/22 is £111,017.

4 Proposals

- 4.1 £10,000 a year for 3 years to the Police Treatment Centre - Year 1
- 4.2 £5,000 National Ugly Mugs (NUM): (NUM) provides victim support services to sex workers across the country. The property fund has donated to NUM since 2015/16.
- 4.3 £6,000 Police Charity Fund top up .

5 Recommendations

- 5.1 To agree to
 - £10,000 a year for 3 years to the Police Treatment Centre
 - £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
 - £6,000 Police Charity Fund top up .
- 5.2 To note the remaining balance after the recommendations above of £90,017 available for future consideration in 2021/22.

6. 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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