

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference - Police Property Fund

(PCC/493/2023)

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;

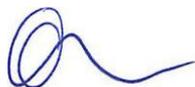
- Care of police Survivors (CoPs) – A new 3 year Agreement of £2,500pa.
- National Ugly Mugs (NUM) - £5,000
- Northumbria Police Charity Fund - £10,000

This therefore leaves £102,682 for future disbursements.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 7.2.23

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| OPCC Meeting | |
| 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 Payments agreed since the disposal of balances from the 2019/20 Statement of Accounts and items for consideration are set out in appendix A.

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3. Donations

- 3.1 From the 2020/21 Statement of accounts the total balance available for disposal was £113,017 and the following donations were agreed/made;

- £10,000 to the Police Treatment Centres.(1st Year of 3 Year agreement)
- £6,000 to the Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
- £2,000 to the Care of police Survivors (2nd year of 3 year agreement).

This left £90,017 available for future disbursements.

- 3.2 Subject to approval of the 2021/22 Statement of Account, there will be new funds of £24,665 (after admin charges) available for disposal in 2022/23.This gives a total available of £114,682.

- 3.3 The following donations have subsequently been paid as they were part of multi year agreement by the PCC;

- £10,000 to the Police Treatment Centres. (2nd Year of 3 Year agreement).
- £2,000 to the Care of police Survivors. (3rd year of 3 Year agreement).

3.4 Following these payments the total remaining balance now available for disposal in 2022/23 is £102,682.

Considerations for Disposals

4.1 The following organisations are included for consideration as they have also been given funds in recent years, although no invoice or request has been received from NUM this financial year to date from them.

- Care of police Survivors (CoPs).- New 3 year Agreement of £2,500pa. CoPs invoice by calendar year in January. The third and final £2,000 payment was made in January 2022 (2021/22 financial year). If approved the first £2,500 payment will go in the 2022/23 financial year if it is processed before 31 March 2023.
- National Ugly Mugs (NUM) - £5,000
- Northumbria Police Charity Fund - £10,000

5 Recommendations

5.1 To note the remaining available fund balance of £102,682 and consider further disbursements

6. Considerations

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| 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. | |