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POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference -

Police Property Fund

(PCC/552/2024)

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;

- £7,250 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust for the UK Police Memorial
- £10,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £6,500 - Connor Brown Trust is for blood stop kits and cabinets in Tyne and Wear fire stations.
- £2,500 – Royal Humane Society.

This therefore leaves £75,003 for future disbursements.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 19.2.24

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OPCC Meeting	19 February 2024
Police Property Fund	
Report of: Kevin Laing, Joint Chief Finance Officer	
Author: Geoff Lambert, Senior 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.

3. Donations

- 3.1 From the 2021/22 Statement of accounts the total balance available for disposal was £114,682 and the following donations were agreed/made;
- £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).

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

- 3.2 The following additional disposals were approved in 2022/23 (PCC/493/2023refers);
- £2,500pa - Care of police Survivors (CoPs).- New 3 year Agreement.
 - £5,000 - National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
 - £10,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.

- 3.3 Following these payments the total remaining balance available for disposal was £85,182.

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3.4 From the 2022/23 Statement of Account, there will be new funds of £28,571 (after admin charges) available for disposal in 2023/24. This gives a total available of £113,753.

4 Considerations for Disposals

4.1 The following disposals, which are subject to multi-year agreements, are paid or committed 2023/24;

- £10,000 to the Police Treatment Centres. (3rd Year of 3 Year agreement).
- £2,500 to the Care of police Survivors. (2nd year of 3 Year agreement).

Funds available after these two payments are £101,253.

4.2 The following organisations are included for consideration as they have requested donations.

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- £10,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £6,500 - Connor Brown Trust is for blood stop kits and cabinets in Tyne and Wear fire stations
- £2,500 – Royal Humane Society

5 Recommendations

5.1 To agree to further payments of;

- £7,250 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust for the UK Police Memorial
- £10,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund.
- £6,500 - Connor Brown Trust is for blood stop kits and cabinets in Tyne and Wear fire stations.
- £2,500 – Royal Humane Society

5.2 To note the remaining balance after the recommendations above of £75,003 available for future consideration.

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

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There are no identified risks.	
Communication	No
A communications plan is not required.	
Evaluation	No
An evaluation is not required.	