

Northumbria PCC Business Meeting Minutes

Title: Business Meeting

Date: 19 February 2024

Duration: 10am-10.10am

Location: MS Teams

Present:

Kim McGuinness – Police and Crime Commissioner

Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff of the OPCC

Adrian Pearson – Director of Planning and Delivery (OPCC)

Kevin Laing - Joint Chief Finance Officer (CFO)

Vicki Wilson – Minute Taker (OPCC)

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes of the open session of Business Meeting held on 4 December 2023

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. Police Property Fund

The CFO advised the balance within the Police Property Fund stood at £101,253. The following organisations had requested donations:

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

If granted, this would leave a balance of £75,003.

The PCC queried how the remaining balance would be used. The CFO explained this would continue to be rolled forward for any future charitable requests.

The Chief of Staff advised that the Police Charity Fund was currently split across three areas; Central, Northern and Southern. However, it was felt that discussions could be had regarding splitting this across all six areas and their respective area commands. The PCC agreed to take this suggestion to the next meeting with the Chief Constable/Deputy Chief Constable.

The PCC approved the Key Decision.

3. Review of Strategic Alliance S22a Agreement

The CFO advised staffing costs were not part of the original S22a agreement, however the document had been reviewed and amended to seek appropriate approval for staffing costs to be shared between Northumbria and Durham with clear percentage agreements and necessary prior agreement before invoicing.

The proportion split proposed for cost for 24/25 financial year had been outlined and equated to £22k for this year.

Northumbria Police Head of Forensic Services and the ACC Crime and Safeguarding supported the cost sharing proposal as the demands of forensic accreditation were growing significantly for all police forces.

The PCC approved the amended S22a Agreement.

4. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.