

NORTHUMBRIA POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER**Key Decision****Title and Reference:****ASSET RECOVERY INCENTIVISATION SCHEME (ARIS) INCOME****(PCC/721/2025)****Summary**

The Police and Crime Commissioner was asked to approve the allocation of income received under the Asset Recovery Incentivisation Scheme (ARIS).

Income received by the OPCC is used to fund Operation Payback which supports local projects, services and community groups that strive to improve lives in their area and help keep making a positive difference in their neighbourhood often repairing the harm caused by crime.

Income allocated to the force is used to fund the investment in financial investigation, driving up performance in asset recovery. The approach to funding allocation will allow for reinvestment in the Economic Crime Unit (ECU) which in turn is expected to increase the level of assets seized through the Proceeds of Crime Act (POCA). This will ensure continued support for local projects and increased capacity and capability to effectively investigate criminal finances and identify and seize assets.

Recommendation/Findings:

The Police and Crime Commissioner is requested to agree the approach to ARIS income distribution:

- I. 50:50 split between the OPCC and Force up to £0.340m.
- II. All income above the £0.340m threshold to be allocated to the Force.
- III. A maximum of £0.170m allocated to OPCC for Operation Payback.
- IV. For one year only, in 2026/27, all ARIS income will be allocated to the Force.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

**Signature****Date 11 / 12 / 2025**