

Northumbria PCC Business Meeting Minutes

Title: Business Meeting

Date: 24 July 2026

Duration: 1pm-1.10pm

Location: Teams

Present:

Clare Penny Evans – Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner (DPCC)

Gail Thompson – Joint Chief Finance Officer (CFO)

Hayley Bradford – Procurement Manager - NP

Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff (OPCC)

Vicki Wilson – Minute Taker (OPCC)

OPEN SESSION

1. Minutes of the Business Meeting Open Session held on 8 July 2026

The minutes were agreed as a true record.

2. Contracts and Key Decisions

Police Property Fund

The purpose of this report was to advise the DPCC of the funds available for disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897 and provide information on requests for funding.

The Police Property Act stated property which come into the possession of the police in connection with a crime, and where the owner could not be found, could be sold with the money being kept in the Police Property Act Fund. The same was true for property which had been forfeited by convicted persons by order of a court, as it was used or intended for use in a crime.

Following a PCC decision on 10 April 2025, the funds remaining available for disposal were £48,793 from the 2023/24 Statement of Accounts.

With the addition of funds from the 2024/25 Statement of Accounts, the funds now available for disposal (after admin charges) was £108,232.

It was recommended in the Key Decision to fund the following organisations:

- £1,000 - Police Arboretum Memorial Trust
- £15,000 - Police Treatment Centres
- £6,000 - Northumbria Police Charity Fund
- £2,500 - Care of Police Survivors (COPs).
- £,3,200 - to support Fresh Start; part of St Cuthberts Care Charity

Supporting information of each organisation had also been outlined.

The remaining balance after the recommendations above was £80,532 which would be available for future consideration.

The PCC had previously discussed the report and had another service in mind which could also be added to the list to be funded from the Police Property Fund.

The Joint Chief Finance Officer explained that due to an outcome from a previous audit, the Police Property Fund was now itemised due to the funds being potentially fluid, and funds were only moved when the risk was deemed low. It was advised that each service would need to provide an invoice clarifying the donation amount and which financial year this was in reference to.

The DPCC approved the Key Decision.

The closed agenda would include:

Tender

Child Focused Family Court

3. Any Other Business

There was no other business to discuss.