

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference - PCC.308.2017

Police Property Fund

Report of Mike Tait, Joint Chief Finance Officer

Summary

The purpose of this report is to advise the PCC of the funds available for disposal under The Police (Property) Act 1897.

Recommendation/ Findings:

To agree to;

- The proposals listed in 4.1 of the report, and
- Consider any further use of the available funds.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendation above.

Signature



Date 14.12.17

Full Report for Decision

OPCC Business Meeting	7 December 2017
Police Property Fund	
Report of: Mike Tait, Joint Chief Finance Officer	
Author: Kevin Laing, Head of Finance	

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.

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.

3. Donations

- 3.1 In the 2016/17 financial year the total balance available for disposal was £145,973 and the following donations were made;

- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
- £1,000 pa to the Police Arboretum Memorial Trust.
- £2,000 pa to the Care of police Survivors (Cops).
- £50,000 Victims First Northumbria.

This left £87,973 available for future disbursements.

- 3.2 The balance at the 31st March 2017 was £38,155, which less the agreed administration charge of 15% (£5,723) leaves a further £32,431 available for disposal. When added to the £87,973 from the previous year the total balance for disposal is £120,404.

- 3.3 Payments of £8,000 have been made or are committed to in 2017/18 as follows;

- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
- £1,000 pa to the Police Arboretum Memorial Trust.
- £2,000 pa to the Care of police Survivors (Cops).

The total remaining balance now available for disposal in 2017/18 is £112,404.

Full Report for Decision**4. Proposals**

4.1 It is proposed the following donations are made;

- £80,000 to Victims First Northumbria.
- £8,000 to Northumbria Police Charity Fund to support the Northern Area Command whose balance is low.
- £1,000 to the Royal Humane Society.

5. Recommendations

5.1 To agree to;

- The proposals listed in 4.1 above and
- Consider any further use of the available funds.

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