

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA**

**Key Decisions**

**Title and Reference – PCC.360.18**

**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 the disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897

**Recommendation**

To agree to;

- £1,000 to Bright Futures - Supporting Women's Homelessness – Winter Homeless Packs for those who may find themselves in financial difficulty through no fault of their own.
- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs.
- £2,000 to the Care of Police Survivors – (2<sup>nd</sup> year of a three year agreement).
- £44,000 to Victims First Northumbria to fund on a fixed term contract:
  - an administration assistant to facilitate data sharing to deliver the 'enhanced' service for victims and witnesses in the light of a partner agency to data access, and
  - an ISVA

This therefore leaves £60,713 for future disbursements.

**Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner**

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

**Signature**



**Date 06.12.18**

OPCC Business Meeting	6 December 2018
Police Property Fund	
Report of: Mike Tait, Joint Chief Finance Officer	
Author: Geoff Lambert, 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.

## 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 2017/18 financial year the total balance available for disposal was £120,404 and the following donations were made;
- £5,000 to the National Ugly Mugs (NUM).
  - £2,000 to the Care of police Survivors (1<sup>st</sup> year of 3 year agreement).
  - £80,000 Victims First Northumbria (VFN).
  - £8,000 Northumbria Police Charity

This left £25,404 available for future disbursements.

- 3.2 The balance at the 31<sup>st</sup> March 2018 was £102,716, which less the agreed administration charge of 15% (£15,407) leaves a further £87,309 available for disposal. When added to the £25,404 from the previous year the total balance for disposal is £112,713.
- 3.3 A payment of £2,000 have been made to the Care of police Survivors (2<sup>nd</sup> year payment of 3 year agreement).

The total remaining balance now available for disposal in 2018/19 is £110,713.

## 4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is proposed the following donations are made;
- £1,000 to Bright Futures - Supporting Women's Homelessness – Winter Homeless Packs for those who may find themselves in financial difficulty through no fault of their own.

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  - an ISVA

## 5 Recommendations

### 5.1 To agree to

- the proposals listed in 4.1 above and
- note the remain balance of £60,713 available for future consideration in 2018/19.

## 6. Considerations

<b>Report Exemption</b>	Non- Exempt
<b>Consultation</b>	No
No consultation has been undertaken.	
<b>Resource</b>	Yes
Financial implications are considered within this report.	
<b>Equality</b>	No
An equality impact assessment is not required.	
<b>Legal</b>	No
There are no legal implications.	
<b>Risk</b>	No
There are no identified risks.	
<b>Communication</b>	No
A communications plan is not required.	
<b>Evaluation</b>	No
An evaluation is not required.	