

POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR NORTHUMBRIA

Key Decisions

Title and Reference – PCC 387 2019

Police Property Fund 2019-20

Report of Ruth Durham, OPCC Chief of Staff

Summary

The purpose of this report is to seek agreement to allocation of funds available for disposal under the Police (Property) Act 1897

Recommendation

To agree to;

- £4,000 to the National Ugly Mugs.
- £22,000, to Victims First Northumbria to fund for 6 months up to the end of March 2020:
 - an administration assistant to facilitate data sharing to deliver the 'enhanced' service for victims and witnesses to support data access, and
 - an ISVA
- £2,150 to Rape Crisis to support work in the local area.

Northumbria Police and Crime Commissioner

I hereby approve the recommendations above.

Signature



Date 06.06.19

OPCC Business Meeting	6 June 2019
Police Property Fund – 2019-20	
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1. Purpose

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to seek agreement of the PCC to the allocation of 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 At present the balance remaining in the Police Property Fund and currently available for disposal in 2019/20 is £60,713.
- 3.2 In October 2018 Victims First Northumbria (VFN) have received a payment of £44,000, representing 12 months funding, up to September 2019 for
- an administration assistant to facilitate data sharing to deliver the ‘enhanced’ service for victims and witnesses to support data access, and
 - an ISVA
- In order to align the awarding of funding to VFN to the financial year it is proposed that a further grant of £22,000 is awarded to reflect the cost of these two posts for six months to the end of March 2020.
- 3.3 A contribution is made on an annual basis to the National Ugly Mugs. An invoice for the 19/20 contribution has now been received and it is proposed that the payment of £4,000 (a reduction of £1,000 since 18/19) is paid, also aligning this payment to the financial year.
- 3.4 The report also seeks retrospective approval for a charitable donation of £2,150 to Rape Crisis Tyneside and Northumberland to support delivery of local service services in the area.
- 3.5 Taking into account these payments the balance remaining in the Police Property Fund at 6th June 2019 will be £32,563.

4. Proposals

- 4.1 It is therefore proposed the following donations are made;
- £4,000 to the National Ugly Mugs.
 - £22,000, to Victims First Northumbria to fund for 6 months up to the end of March 2020:
 - an administration assistant to facilitate data sharing to deliver the ‘enhanced’ service for victims and witnesses to support data access, and
 - an ISVA
 - £2,150 to Rape Crisis to support work in the local area.

5 Recommendations

5.1 To agree to

- the proposals listed in 4.1 above and
- note the remain balance of £32,563 available for future consideration in 2019/20.

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.	