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OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (OPCC) BUSINESS MEETING

Date

17th September 2019

Location

Victory House, Balliol

Duration

15:30pm – 15:40pm

Present:

Kim McGuinness – Police and Crime Commissioner
Scott Duffy - Director of Governance, Communications and Appeals
Ruth Durham – Chief of Staff
Dean Lowery – Officer of the PCC
Rachel Snaith - Director of Commissioning, Engagement and Policy
Mike Tait – Joint Chief Finance Officer

OPEN SESSION

1. MINUTES OF 2nd SEPTEMBER 2019

The minutes were agreed as a correct record.

2. ANNUAL RESERVES STRATEGY STATEMENT

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented the Annual Reserves Strategy Statement for the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC)

The statement provides an explanation for each reserve held by the PCC, along with its value and a narrative explaining whether the current and projected levels of reserves are appropriate. The statement also confirms that governance arrangements for reserves are adequate and appropriate.

The Commissioner approved the statement presented which was to be published on the OPCC website.

AGREED: That the Annual Reserves Strategy Statement for Year ending 31st March 2019 was agreed.

3. POLICE PROPERTY FUND

The Joint Chief Finance Officer presented a report advising the PCC of the funds available for disposal under The Police (Property) Act 1897.

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.

The report highlighted that there is an available fund balance of £130,025 for further disbursements in 2019/20.

It was agreed that a further report would be presented to discuss and agree proposals for the disbursement of the funds.

Agreed: That the available balance of £130,025 in the Police Property Fund 2019/20 was noted with a further paper to be presented to agree spend.