



**ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF POLICY AND  
PERFORMANCE**

**DECISION NUMBER: 05-2026**

**REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION**

**SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)**

**SUBJECT: FUND AGREEMENT BETWEEN SUFFOLK COMMUNITY  
FOUNDATION AND THE OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME  
COMMISSIONER FOR ESTABLISHING THE READY TO REBUILD  
FUND**

**SUMMARY:**

1. In December 2025, the PCC with the support of the Chief Constable, agreed to make a donation to Suffolk Community Foundation of £16,500 from the Police Property Act Fund; to establish and administer the Ready to Rebuild Fund (as set out in PCC Decision Paper 39 – 2025).
2. This decision paper sets out how the fund will be managed and seeks the PCC's agreement to enter into a Fund Agreement between Suffolk Community Foundation and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

1. It is recommended that the PCC agrees the proposed payment process and enters into the fund agreement between Suffolk Community Foundation and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.

**APPROVAL BY PCC**

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

**Signature:**

*Tim Parry*

**Date:** 27 January 2026

## DETAILS OF SUBMISSION

### 1. POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND

- 1.1 [PCC Decision 16-2025](#) provides background information to the Police (Property) Act 1997 and the Regulations that accompany the Act. In summary, the Act provides for the Chief Constable to sell or otherwise dispose of property that has been in their possession, subject to certain conditions being met.
- 1.2 [Regulations](#) that accompany the Act set out that property, (other than money) may be sold, with the proceeds kept in a separate account to be called the Police Property Act Fund. The fund can be used to 'make payments of such amounts as the relevant authority may determine for such charitable purposes as they may select.'
- 1.3 In Suffolk, it has been agreed that donations from the Police Property Act Fund will be jointly determined by the PCC and Chief Constable following an application process. The principal purpose of the fund is for the PCC and Chief Constable to jointly agree on donations to organisations who apply to the fund; with a preference for activity of greatest benefit to the county and/or which furthers the delivery of the Police and Crime Plan.
- 1.4 The PCC, with the support of the Chief Constable, agreed to donate to Suffolk Community Foundation £16,500 from the Police Property Act Fund, to establish and administer the Ready to Rebuild Fund (as set out in PCC Decision Paper 39 – 2025).
- 1.5 This decision paper sets out how the fund will be managed and seeks the PCC's agreement to enter into a Fund Agreement between Suffolk Community Foundation and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Suffolk.

### 2 READY TO REBUILD FUND

- 2.1 The Fund will provide bursary support to ex-offenders (following their release from prison), who are identified by the prison as vulnerable and in need of additional assistance, and who are resettling in Suffolk.
- 2.2 The Fund can assist individuals facing a range of challenges, including:
  - 2.2.1 Developing essential life skills, training, and qualifications needed for employment.
  - 2.2.2 Obtaining right-to-work documentation.
  - 2.2.3 Securing accommodation by providing support with rental deposits.
- 2.3 The Fund aims to provide a fast, flexible and responsive approach to supporting former offenders as they rebuild their lives after release. The programme's overarching goal is to help participants turn their lives around and achieve lasting stability and independence.
- 2.4 Importantly, the bursary will focus on funding items or services not available through other agencies.

### 3 FINANCING AND MANAGING THE FUND

- 3.1 Suffolk Community Foundation will administer the Ready to Rebuild Fund, established as a flowthrough fund. The donation via the Police Property Act Fund is the first donation.

- 3.2 Funds can also come from other donors, and the PCC can make funds available from the Police Property Act Fund or other funding routes.
- 3.3 A Ready to Rebuild Panel, made up of agency representatives, will be established to oversee the programme and ensure timely, flexible, and effective allocation of funds to support ex-offenders along their pathway to independence.
- 3.4 A fund agreement will be in place between Suffolk Community Foundation and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner to establish the Ready to Rebuild Fund.

#### **4 FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The donation from the Police Property Act Fund agreed on 10 December 2025 consists of £15,000 for the fund, and an additional 7.5% contribution (£1,500) to support the running costs of the fund by Suffolk Community Foundation.

#### **5 OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS**

- 5.1 Grants from the Ready to Rebuild Fund will be paid by Suffolk Community Foundation:
  - 5.1.1 Directly to suppliers to pay invoices where possible.
  - 5.1.2 To the referral partner where possible for onward distribution.
  - 5.1.3 To the individual via vouchers where possible.
  - 5.1.4 To the individual, if necessary, with a cap of £300.
- 5.2 Where costs are paid to an individual directly, due diligence will be undertaken by the Ready to Rebuild Panel, to ensure the appropriate use of funds.
- 5.3 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

<b>ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)</b>	<b>PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'</b>
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	Yes
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have human resource implications been considered?	Yes
Is the recommendation consistent with the objectives in the Police and Crime Plan?	Yes
Has consultation been undertaken with people or agencies likely to be affected by the recommendation?	Yes
Has communications advice been sought on areas of likely media interest and how they might be managed?	Yes
Have all relevant ethical factors been taken into consideration in developing this submission?	Yes

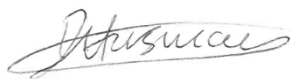
In relation to the above, please ensure that all relevant issues have been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks' section of the submission.

#### **APPROVAL TO SUBMIT TO THE DECISION-MAKER**

##### **Chief Executive**

I am satisfied that relevant advice has been taken into account in the preparation of the report and that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the PCC.

**Signature:**



**Date:** 27 January 2026