

Police Property Act Fund – funding decisions and review

Subject: Police Property Act Fund, Round 4, 21 April 2026 and Round 5, 13 July

Originator: Head of Governance and Commissioning

Decision Number: 27 - 2026

Reason for Submission: For Decision

Submitted to: Police and Crime Commissioner

Summary

1. The Police (Property) Regulations 1997 state that the Police Property Act Fund can be used to ‘make payments of such amounts as the relevant authority may determine for such charitable purposes as they may select.’
2. PCC Decision Paper 16-2025 set out the process to be followed in Suffolk whereby the PCC and Chief Constable receive applications to the Fund and decide on payments to be made.
3. A meeting between the PCC and Chief Constable in April 2026 (round 4) considered four applications to the Police Property Act Fund. The operation of the fund, which had been in place for a year, was also reviewed and the PCC and Chief Constable agreed on some minor amendments to the running of the fund.
4. The meeting in July (round 5) was attended by the PCC and Deputy Chief Constable and considered a further three applications. This decision paper sets out the details of the successful applications and the jointly agreed donations from the two panel meetings, totalling £11,100.

Recommendation

1. The PCC is recommended to approve payments from the Police Property Act Fund to the following causes:
 - a. Apollo Youth Centre £1,300
 - b. Suffolk Cadets £400
 - c. Care of Police Survivors Police Unity Tour £400
 - d. Care of Police Survivors annual donation for three years, total £9,000.
2. The PCC approves the changes to the operation of the fund as set out in this decision paper.

Approval by PCC

The recommendations as outlined above are approved.

Signed: Tim Passmore

Signature: 

Date: 27 August 2026

Detail of Submission

1. Objective

- 1.1 This decision paper provides the detail of the applications made to the Police Property Act Fund, the agreed funding and the recommendation that payment is approved following the fund meetings on 21 April and 13 July 2026.
- 1.2 Applications from four organisations were discussed in April and a further three at the meeting in July. Agreement was made on four donations totalling £11,100.
- 1.3 The operation of the fund to date was also discussed with a review of finances and application criteria in April. These were ratified in July. This decision paper sets out the proposed changes to the fund as a consequence.

2. Background

- 2.1 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.
- 2.2 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.’
- 2.3 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.
- 2.4 Equality analysis was considered during the set-up of the fund process and are considered as part of the decision-making process where appropriate.

- 2.5 Of the requests considered favourable at each meeting, the PCC and Chief Constable will decide on the level of financial support they are able to make in each case. The amount requested by the applicant will act as a guide only.

3. Areas for Consideration

- 3.1 Four applications to the Police Property Act Fund were discussed by the PCC and Chief Constable on 21 April 2026. A further three applications were submitted to the meeting on 13 July 2026 and, along with clarifications on some of the previous applications, were discussed by the PCC and Deputy Chief Constable.
- 3.2 Details of the successful applications are set out below.
- Apollo Youth Centre £1,300 towards the portable defibrillator.
 - Suffolk Cadets, donation of £400 to support fund raising activities.
 - Care of Police Survivors Police Unity Tour £400.
 - Care of Police Survivors request of £3,000 annual donation for the next 3 years (total £9,000).
- 3.3 Applications declined were on the basis of the narrow nature of the intended beneficiary cohort, apparent lack of coordination nationally with similar events and financial drain on the fund / lack of sustainability .
- 3.4 Updates from previous rounds were also provided including the information from Pathways Care Farm that the remaining funding from the project had been found and therefore the PPAF donation could be made as agreed (Decision 39-2025). The donation of £50 from the PPAF to East Anglian Children's Hospice, agreed by the PCC and Chief Constable in January 2026 by email, was ratified.
- 3.5 A review of the Police Property Act Fund process and future funding had been provided by the Head of Governance and Commissioning. It was agreed to:
- Continue with joint decision making by the PCC and Chief Constable on the fund.
 - Retain flexibility within the fund and a light touch approach to applications and decision making.
 - Provide clearer guidance within the application form on the fund criteria to include that funding is for charitable purposes and a preference for part-funding/match-

funding projects. The criteria will be strengthened to state that projects with a link to the Police and Crime Plan and/or the Chief Constable's delivery plan are more likely to be supported.

- Reflect on the work the Chief Constable is undertaking on staff associations with a view to informing future funding decisions on support for the Constabulary workforce, local and national policing support associations.
- Continue to be mindful of the balance of the fund and retain a minimum balance of £50,000 in the fund for future years. The option to cap funding amounts was not agreed.

4. Other options considered

- 4.1 In reference to paragraph 3.5 above, alternatives for operation of the fund were discussed in the meeting.

5. Strategic aims / objective supported

- 5.1 The fund operates within the requirements of the Police (Property) Act 1997 and the Regulations that accompany the Act.
- 5.2 Applicants to the fund are asked to set out any links to the Police and Crime Plan and / or the Chief Constable's Delivery Plan.

6. Financial and other recourse implications

- 6.1 The Police Property Act Fund balance on 25 June 2026 was £208,055. Accounting for allocations already made for future years and ringfencing, a balance of £76,151 was available for donations. As outlined in section 3.5 above, the PCC and the Chief Constable agreed to retain a minimum balance of £50,000 in the fund for future years.
- 6.2 The recommended donation from Round 4 of £1,700 and Round 5 of £9,400 will leave a balance of £15,051 plus the £50k minimum balance within the Police Property Act Fund, to be used for future donations. The Fund will benefit from additional income

(receipts) during the year. The PCC and Chief Constable will review the balance at the next meeting before making any further donations.

7. Environmental Implications

7.1 There are no environmental implications to note.

8. Other implications and risks

8.1 Donations from the Police Property Act Fund, as set out in this decision paper, are made separately from the PCC's powers through the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and from other grant funding streams such as the PCC's Fund.

8.2 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

Originator Checklist (must be completed).

Please state 'yes' or 'no'

Checklist Item	Yes / No
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 Police and Crime Plan objectives?	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 environmental factors been considered?	Yes
In relation to the above, have all relevant issues been highlighted in the 'other implications and risks section of the submission?	Yes
Is this report a Confidential Decision?	No

If yes, please state reasons below:

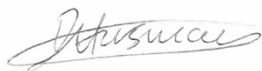
Approval to submit to the decision-maker

Chief Executive

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

Signed: Darren Horsman

Signature:



Date: 17 August 2026

Chief Finance Officer (Section 151 Officer)

I certify that:

- a) there are no financial consequences as a result of this decision,
Or
- b) the costs identified in this report can be met from existing revenue or capital budgets,
Or
- c) the costs identified in this report can be financed from reserves
And
- d) the decision can be taken on the basis of my assurance that Financial Regulations have been complied with.

Signed: Colette Batson

Signature:



Date: 17 August 2026

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