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ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING AND GOVERNANCE

**DECISION NUMBER: 24 - 2025** 

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

SUBJECT: POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND ROUND 2, 30 JUNE 2025

### **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 June 2025 considered four applications to the Police Property Act Fund. This decision paper sets out the details of the successful applications and the jointly agreed donations which total £4,850.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

- 1. The PCC is recommended to approve payments from the Police Property Act Fund to the following organisations:
  - a. The Police Remembrance Trust £4,500
  - b. British Association for Women in Policing £350

**APPROVAL BY PCC** 

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Tim Parmore

Signature:

Date: 24 July 2025

#### **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 registered charities who apply to the fund and 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 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.
- 1.5 This decision paper sets out the conclusions of a meeting on 30 June 2025 (Round 2) where donations to two organisations, of £4,850 in total, were agreed by the PCC and Chief Constable.
- 1.6 This decision paper provides the detail of the applications and funding agreed and recommends that the payments are made to the successful organisations.

## 2. POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND - ROUND 2 FUNDING DECISIONS

2.1 Four applications to the Police Property Act Fund were received and discussed by the PCC and Chief Constable on 30 June 2025. Brief details of the successful applications are set out below.

Organisation	Purpose of funding	Amount	Amount
		Requested	Agreed
The Police	Towards the cost of holding the National Police	£4,500	£4,500
Remembrance	Memorial Day with a donation of £1,500 a year for		
Trust	three years. National Police Memorial Day events		
	aim to recognise the sacrifice of serving officers		
	who have lost their lives on duty and highlight		
	their bravery and the ongoing commitment of		
	Police Officers nationally.		
<b>British Association</b>	The British Association for Women in Policing	£350	£350
for Women in	(BAWP) supports women across the police service.		
Policing.	The funding requested is for the annual		
	membership fee of o£350 which enables all		
	officers and staff to benefit from BAWP's work,		
	enhancing careers and strengthening the overall		
	health of the workforce.		
			£4,850

2.2 Two other applications were discussed but not approved on the basis that the applications did not meet the criteria for the fund.

## 3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The Police Property Act Fund balance on 30 June 2025 was £267,817.
- 3.2 Donations agreed from Round 1 totalled £72,333. The recommended donations from Round 2 of the Police Property Act Fund total £4,850. This leaves a balance of £196,633 within the Police Property Act Fund to be used for future donations. However, 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.

## 4. OTHER IMPLICATIONS AND RISKS

- 4.1 Donations from the Police Property Act Fund, as set out in this decision paper, are made separately from the PCC's powers though the Anti-Social Behaviour Crime and Policing Act 2014 and from other grant funding streams such as the PCC's Fund.
- 4.2 There are no other implications or risks to be considered.

ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
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

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## **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: 24 July 2025