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ORIGINATOR: HEAD OF COMMISSIONING AND GOVERNANCE

DECISION NUMBER: 39 - 2025

REASON FOR SUBMISSION: FOR DECISION

SUBMITTED TO: POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER (PCC)

SUBJECT: POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND ROUND 3, 10 DECEMBER 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 December 2025 considered eleven 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 £66,034.

RECOMMENDATION:

1. The PCC is recommended to approve payments from the Police Property Act Fund to the following organisations and purposes:
 - a. The Police Arboretum Memorial Trust £1,000
 - b. SOS Bus £7,500

c. Pathways Care Farm	£5,000
d. The Bumblebee Children's Charity	£400
e. Crimestoppers (1) - Regional Manager Funding	£11,000
f. Crimestoppers (2) - Contact Centre 2026	£23,634
g. Suffolk Community Foundation: Ready to Rebuild	£16,500
h. Suffolk Community Foundation: Suffolk Medal	£750
i. Suffolk Police Cadets	£250

APPROVAL BY PCC

The recommendation set out above is agreed.

Signature:



Date: 22 December 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 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 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 10 December 2025 (Round 3) where donations to nine organisations, totalling £66,034, were agreed by the PCC and Chief Constable.
- 1.6 This decision paper provides the detail of the applications, the agreed funding and the recommendation that payments are made to the successful organisations.

2. POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND – ROUND 3 FUNDING DECISIONS

- 2.1 Eleven applications to the Police Property Act Fund had been received prior to the panel. These were discussed by the PCC and Chief Constable on 10 December 2025. Brief details of the successful applications are set out below.

Organisation	Purpose of funding	Amount Requested	Amount Agreed
Police Arboretum Memorial Trust	Contribution to the Police Arboretum Memorial Trust, a tribute to those from across policing who have given their lives to keep the public safe.	£1,000	£1,000
SOS Bus	Towards essential running and maintenance costs for the SOS Bus which provides a safety net for vulnerable individuals during night-time events across Suffolk. Operating as a registered Safe Space, it offers immediate, practical, and emotional support to those at risk, including individuals affected by alcohol or drug misuse, victims of harassment or assault, and those experiencing mental health crises.	£7,500	£7,500
Pathways Care Farm	Towards the Skills for Life project which recruits, trains and equips ex-offenders with the skills, self-esteem and discipline to set them on the path to paid employment. <i>Note: a contribution towards the total cost of the project (the full amount was requested in the application) was agreed as it was felt that match funding from other sources would be beneficial. The amount agreed from the fund is therefore conditional on match funding being secured within 12 months of the decision.</i>	£19,500	£5,000
The Bumblebee Children's Charity	Funding will support the Suffolk Police Cadets in their Christmas activity to collect and wrap gifts for children at the Bumblebee Children's Charity. The charity is a specialist centre for children who have difficulties with movement and co-ordination and is the Constabulary's chosen charity for 2025.	£400	£400
Crimestoppers - Regional Manager Funding	To contribute to the Regional Manager post for the Eastern Region. The Regional Manager's primary role is to raise awareness of Crimestoppers in the local area, leading to an increase in the number of reports received by the charity and passed to the police.	£11,000	£11,000
Crimestoppers - Contact Centre 2026	Contribution towards the operation of the national contact centre in 2026/27. The centre receives anonymous calls from the public, providing intelligence which is disseminated to Suffolk Constabulary. Crimestoppers also offers enhanced rewards and targeted campaigns.	£23,634	£23,634
Suffolk Community Foundation: Ready to Rebuild	The funding will be used to establish the Ready to Rebuild Programme, which aims to provide a fast, flexible and responsive approach to supporting former offenders as they rebuild their lives after release. Delivered in partnership, the programme will offer bursary assistance to vulnerable ex-offenders as they prepare for release and throughout their first two years after leaving prison. The programme's overarching goal	£16,500	£16,500

	is to help participants turn their lives around and achieve lasting stability and independence.		
Suffolk Community Foundation: Suffolk Medal	Contribution towards The Suffolk Medal which celebrate individuals who make Suffolk a better place, fostering civic pride, volunteering and community cohesion. Investing in the Suffolk Medal will reinforce shared responsibility for a safer, stronger county – which is consistent with the Police and Crime Plan and the Constabulary's delivery plan.	£750	£750
Suffolk Police Cadets	The requested donation of £250 will be used to support Suffolk Police Cadet Leader recruitment events planned for 2026. Specifically, the funds will be used to purchase recruitment materials and contribute to the purchase of a cadet-branded gazebo and banners - to enhance visibility and engagement. These resources will help attract new volunteers and cadets, ensuring the sustainability and growth of the programme and enabling us to continue delivering positive outcomes for young people and the wider community.	£250	£250
		£80,534	£66,034

- 2.2 One application to the fund had been withdrawn as an alternative funding source had been found and one application was discussed but not approved on the basis that the organisation has an existing grant through the PCC Fund.

3. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

- 3.1 The Police Property Act Fund balance on 27 November 2025 was £272,771. The balance available, accounting for allocations in Round 1 and 2, is £195,588.
- 3.2 The recommended donations from Round 3, as set out above, totalled £66,034. This would leave a balance of £129,554 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 through 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.

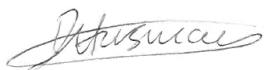
ORIGINATOR CHECKLIST (MUST BE COMPLETED)	PLEASE STATE 'YES' OR 'NO'
Has legal advice been sought on this submission?	No
Has the PCC's Chief Finance Officer been consulted?	No
Have equality, diversity and human rights implications been considered, including equality analysis, as appropriate?	Yes
Have 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

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: 18 December 2025