

Committee:	Date:
Police Committee	24 th January 2019
Subject:	Public
Police Property Act Fund Nominations	For Decision
Report of:	
Town Clerk	
Report author:	
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Summary

This report informs Members of the charities proposed by the Members of the Committee and the Commissioner to receive grants from the Police Property Act Fund for 2018/19. Eleven grants are proposed, including the five-year annual contribution of £1,000 to the National Police Arboretum Memorial Trust, totalling £18,430. This will leave £6,822 for the following year, plus any income received in-year.

This also brings the total amount donated since 2012 to over £100,000 (£105,930).

Recommendations

Members are asked to:

- a) Note the contents of the report; and
- b) Consider a one-off grant payment to the charities below:
 - i. Care of Police Survivors (£1,700)
 - ii. Royal Humane Society (£1,700)
 - iii. Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund (£1,700)
 - iv. First Aid Nursing Yeomanry (£1,700)
 - v. London Air Ambulance (£1,700)
 - vi. City of London Police Widows' and Orphans' Fund (£1,700)
 - vii. City of London Police Charity for Children (£1,700)
 - viii. St Mungo's (£1,700)
 - ix. Working Chance (£1,700)
 - x. National Police Memorial Day (£2,130)

Main Report

Background

1. The Police (Property) Regulations 1997 enable the surplus from the Property Act Fund to be used for charitable purposes. In 2008, the Committee reviewed the criteria for making grants in view of new requirements under the Charities Act 2006, including the duty to demonstrate public benefit. One of the changes agreed was that only registered charities will be eligible for a grant. The

Constitution and Purpose of the Fund and the Criteria for Disbursements, as agreed by your Committee in November 2008 (with an amendment agreed in December 2011), are attached at Appendices A and B respectively.

2. A list of charities and grants made since 2012 is available at Appendix C.

Current Position

3. The balance of the Fund stands at £25,252 (as at 12th December 2018). This includes in-year income and some monies that were previously miscoded being correctly reallocated to the Fund. With a cap of 75% of funds available for dispersal, this means a maximum of £18,939 can be granted this year.

Proposals

4. The following charities have been proposed with grant awards suggested by the Chairman – the only exception being the National Police Memorial Day, where a specified sum of £2,130 has been requested by the NPCC lead (Appendix D). Where multiple charities have been proposed by an individual, one has been chosen and the remainder will be carried forward for consideration next year.

Charity	Registered Number	Proposed grant
Care of Police Survivors	1101478	£1,700
Provides peer support to the families of police officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty.		
Royal Humane Society	231469	£1,700
The Royal Humane Society grants awards for acts of bravery in the saving of human life and, also, for the restoration of life by resuscitation. The awards are granted to those that have put their own lives at risk to save or attempt to save someone else. Since its foundation in 1774 the Royal Humane Society committee has reviewed over 86,000 cases and made around 200,000 awards.		
Sheriffs' and Recorder's Fund	221927	£1,700
The fund makes grants to ex-offenders for clothing, household furnishings, training courses and tools.		
First Aid Nursing Yeomanry	249360	£1,700
To provide volunteers, trained and capable of supporting Civil and Military authorities within the United Kingdom during any major emergency, incident, or in planning, so as to protect life and relieve human suffering.		
London Air Ambulance	801013	£1,700
London's Air Ambulance is the charity that delivers an advanced trauma team to London's most seriously injured patients. Using a helicopter from 08:00 to sunset, and rapid response cars at night or in adverse weather situations, London's Air Ambulance brings the hospital to the patient when time is critical.		
City of London Police Widows' and Orphans' Fund	208175	£1,700

Aims & activities: To provide and maintain a sum of money from which financial assistance can be made to: 1) Orphans of members and retired members of the force. 2) Widows & widowers of members of the force who die whilst serving or after leaving the force. 3) Widows and widowers who are serving members of the force. 4) The families of members and retired members of the force who have become incapacitated.		
City of London Police Charity for Children	1068671	£1,700
The City of London Police Charity for Children aims to provide welfare support and relief for vulnerable, sick or disabled children and young people.		
St Mungo's	1149085	£1,700
St Mungo's outreach teams go out each night to meet people who are homeless and to help them off the streets. With 17 outreach teams they are one of the largest providers of outreach services in the country.		
Working Chance	1131802	£1,700
The UK's only recruitment consultancy supporting women leaving the criminal justice and care systems into great jobs with mainstream employers		
National Police Memorial Day	1103000	£2,130
Please see letter attached at Appendix D which outlines the request from the NPCC lead for the National Police Memorial Day.		

5. This year's grant total of £18,430 includes this year's nominations and the existing commitment of £1,000 per annum over five years for the National Police Arboretum Memorial Trust.

Conclusion

6. If the proposed grants are approved by the Committee, there will be £6,822 remaining in the Fund.

Appendices

- Appendix A – Police Property Act Fund – Constitution And Purpose
- Appendix B – Police Property Act Fund – Criteria For Disbursements
- Appendix C – Summary of payments made in previous years
- Appendix D – Letter from NPCC lead on National Police Memorial Day

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APPENDIX A

POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND – CONSTITUTION AND PURPOSE

1. The Police Property Regulations 1997 apply to property which is:
 - (a) in the possession of the police by virtue of an order of a court of summary jurisdiction in connection with police investigations of a suspected offence where the owner of the property cannot be ascertained; or
 - (b) in the possession of the police by virtue of a court order in connection with the seizure of property where the court was satisfied that the property had been used for the purposes of committing or facilitating the commission of any offence, or was intended to be used for that purpose.
2. The Regulations provide that where property has been held for a year, in relation to an order under paragraph 1(a) above and for six months, in respect of an order under paragraph 1(b) above (provided, in the latter case there has been no successful application by a claimant of the property or no successful appeal by the offender) then the property may be sold and the proceeds of sale shall be kept in a separate account called the Police Property Act Fund ("the Fund").
3. The Regulations provide that monies accrued in the Fund may be invested and the income so derived shall become part of the Fund. The monies accrued in the Fund may be used to:
 - defray expenses incurred in the conveyance, storage and safe custody of the property and in connection with its sale;
 - pay reasonable compensation, the amount of which shall be fixed by the Police Authority, to persons by whom property has been delivered to the police;
 - make payments of such amounts as the Police Authority may determine for such charitable purposes as they may select.
4. The Chief Officer of Police may, at the request of the Police Authority, administer the Fund in accordance with the Regulations.

APPENDIX B

POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND – CRITERIA FOR DISBURSEMENTS

1. The organisations to which disbursements may be made should be registered charities.
2. Such organisations, which may be local or national, should be involved in work directly relating to at least one of the following:
 - (i) victim support
 - (ii) discharged prisoners
 - (iii) prisoners' families/dependants
 - (iv) crime prevention
 - (v) welfare of disadvantaged/disabled young people
 - (vi) improvement of community relations
 - (vii) welfare of present or former police officers and/or their families/dependants
 - (viii) such other charitable purposes as may from time to time be agreed by the Committee.
3. Preference may be given to organisations which are local in nature with close City connections.
4. Prior to any disbursements being made, account will be taken of any assistance which may have been given by the City of London Corporation from other sources within the previous three years.
5. Disbursements will not normally be made to an organisation in consecutive years, or on consecutive occasions when disbursements are made at intervals longer than one year, unless they have a connection with the Force.
6. Requests for assistance from the Fund will normally be considered in December each year; and disbursements will be made when the balance available in the Fund permits (this may be annually or at longer intervals).
7. The Finance Committee and the City Bridge Trust Grants Officer will be informed of any disbursements made from the Fund.
8. No more than 75% of the Fund will be disbursed in any year.

Appendix C - Previous Grants From Police Property Act Fund 2012-2018

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Charity	2012/13	2013/14	2014/15	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19 (proposed)	received 2012-2019
Royal Humane Society	£1,000.00			£1,000.00	£2,500.00	£2,000.00	£1,700.00	£8,200.00
Supporting Families After Murder and Manslaughter	£1,000.00							£1,000.00
City of London Widows and orphans Fund	£1,000.00						£1,700.00	£2,700.00
First Aid Nursing Yeomanry	£1,000.00	£1,500.00			£1,500.00		£1,700.00	£5,700.00
Alongside You	£1,000.00							£1,000.00
City of London Police Charity for Children	£1,000.00	£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£1,000.00	£1,700.00	£12,700.00
Hampstead Marie Curie Hospice	£1,000.00	£1,500.00						£2,500.00
Broadway Homelessness and Support	£1,000.00							£1,000.00
Samaritans	£1,000.00							£1,000.00
St John Ambulance		£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£1,000.00		£1,000.00		£6,000.00
St Joseph's Hospice		£1,500.00						£1,500.00
Haven House Children's Hospice		£1,500.00						£1,500.00
City of London Academy - Islington		£1,500.00						£1,500.00
Child Victims of Crime		£1,500.00						£1,500.00
Sheriffs' Recorder's Fund		£1,500.00	£2,500.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,700.00	£8,700.00
PC Dave Rathband's Blue Lamp Foundation			£2,500.00					£2,500.00
Police Rehabilitation Trust			£2,500.00	£2,500.00		£2,000.00		£7,000.00
Housing the Homeless Central Fund			£2,500.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00			£4,500.00
Care of Police Survivors			£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£2,500.00	£1,700.00	£11,700.00
The Most Venerable Order of St John of Jerusalem			£2,500.00					£2,500.00
Embrace Child Victims of Crime				£2,500.00		£1,000.00		£3,500.00
Only Connect				£1,000.00				£1,000.00
Children's Society					£1,000.00			£1,000.00
JAN Trust					£1,000.00			£1,000.00
Trailblazers Mentoring						£1,000.00		£1,000.00
Safer London Foundation						£1,000.00		£1,000.00
London Air Ambulance							£1,700.00	£1,700.00
St Mungo's							£1,700.00	£1,700.00
Working Chance							£1,700.00	
National Police Memorial Day							£2,130.00	£2,130.00
Police Arboretum Memorial Trust		£1,500.00		£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£1,000.00	£5,500.00
Total for year	£9,000.00	£15,000.00	£20,000.00	£16,000.00	£14,000.00	£13,500.00	£18,430.00	£105,930.00

Appendix D



National Police Memorial Day

Patron

His Royal Highness The Prince of Wales

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6 November 2018

For the attention of the Commissioner

Sent via email from Chair@polfed.org

Dear Commissioner

I am writing to you on behalf of the Trustees of National Police Memorial Day (NPMD). This day over the last decade has now evolved to become the preeminent event where everyone in our service comes together to remember our colleagues who have died on duty, and to support the families, colleagues and friends that they will never be forgotten. It is also seen as an important event by prominent stakeholders and politicians.

On the 25/26 January 2018 a paper was presented to National Police Chiefs' Council outlining how we intend, with your support to put the NPMD in a more sustainable financial position going forward to ensure that future generations of the service can have this important day to remember. Chiefs decided to support the NPMD for 2018, whilst trustees went back to revise and re-present the business case again in 2019 in order to secure more long term support to this important event in our calendar.

This year's NPMD saw many from the service including senior leaders, politicians and families attend our service of remembrance in Belfast, which if you did attend I am sure you will agree was both a moving and fitting occasion.

My purpose for writing to you is to ask for your contribution as agreed at Chiefs Council so that we may begin planning for next years' event. Your support is important to the day both in terms of finance but also in demonstrating that this is our day supported by our service.

If I can ask that as agreed, a cheque for £2130 made out to National Police Memorial Day be sent to The Treasurer, c/o The Police Federation of England and Wales, Federation House, Highbury Drive, Leatherhead, Surrey, KT22 7UY I would be very grateful.

Once again many thanks for your support.

Yours faithfully

John Apter

On behalf of the National Police Memorial Day Trustees