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Report of the Police and Crime Commissioner to the Chair and Members of the Cleveland Police and Crime Panel

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Police and Crime Commissioner's Police Property Act Fund

1.0 Purpose of Report

1.1 To inform members of the establishment of the Police and Crime Commissioner's Police for Cleveland Police Property Act Fund.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 The Police Property Act Fund is created from the proceeds of sale of goods recovered by the police that cannot be returned to their original owner. In accordance with the Police Property Act Regulations (1997) all awards from the fund must be for charitable purposes.
- 2.2 The Police Property Act Fund is created from the sale of recovered stolen good or property where the owners are not known and cannot be traced.
- 2.3 The Police Property Act 1997 (as amended by the Police Reform and Social Responsibility Act 2011, part 3 section 62(3)) gives the local policing body (i.e. the Police and Crime Commissioner) the authority to receive Police Property Act funds.
- 2.4 Regulation 6 specifies the way in which the proceeds of sale and any money arising from the proceeds shall be managed and disbursed. The proceeds and monies are to be paid into the Police Property Act Fund.
- 2.5 The monies in the fund may be used to defray certain expenses, to pay compensation and to make payments for charitable purposes. This allows a wide measure of discretion in deciding the purpose to which

monies not required to cover compensation may be put. It is clear however that the main beneficiaries of the fund should be charitable causes.

3.0 Police Property Act Fund

- 3.1 The Police and Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable will consider applications from local voluntary and community groups which are working for charitable purposes to improve the lives of people in the Cleveland Police Area.
- 3.2 Applicants must satisfy funding criteria, including being able to demonstrate that the application fulfils one or more of the Police and Crime Commissioner's objectives. Guidance on how to apply and application forms are appended to this report.
- 3.3 A summary of the charitable causes supported through use of the fund will be made available on the PCC's website and will also be communicated to the Police and Crime Panel as part of the PCC's annual reporting requirement.

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