

**OFFICE OF THE POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE  
DECISION RECORD**

Decision Record Number: **19/2013**

Title: **Grants from Police Property Act Fund**

**Executive Summary:**

This request is to approve two payments each of £1,000 from the Police Property Act Fund (the 'Fund') to the High Sheriffs' and Humberside Police Tribune Trust ('the Trust'). In line with arrangements approved by Humberside Police Authority the Trust is able to use monies held in the Fund in support of their charitable work. The Trust intends to use these monies to support two projects in the Humberside Police force area that will contribute towards improving public safety (Outcome two of the Police and Crime Plan) and protecting youth (Objective iii within the Plan).

**Commissioner Comments:**

The Commissioner expressed his support for funding these projects on a 50/50 basis with the Humberside Police Tribune Trust.

**Decision:**

- (a) That a payment of £1,000 is made from the Police Property Act Fund to the Tribune Trust to form part of a contribution towards supporting Moto Club Yorkshire (MCY), and
- (b) That a payment of £1,000 is made from the Police Property Act Fund to the Tribune Trust to form part of a contribution towards supporting Fusion Youth Group Theatre Grimsby (FYGT).

**Background Report:** Open

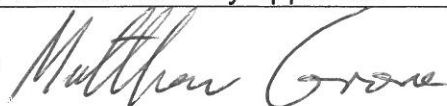
**Police and Crime Commissioner for Humberside**

I confirm I have considered whether or not I have any personal or prejudicial interest in this matter and take the proposed decision in compliance with my code of conduct.

Any such interests are recorded below.

The above decision has my approval.

Signature



Date 26.06.13

**POLICE AND CRIME COMMISSIONER  
FOR HUMBERSIDE**

**SUBMISSION FOR DECISION**

**OPEN**

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**Date: 26<sup>th</sup> June 2013**

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**1. Executive Summary**

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**2. Recommendation**

- 2.1 A payment of £1,000 is made from the Police Property Act Fund to the Tribunal Trust to form part of a contribution towards supporting Moto Club Yorkshire (MCY).
- 2.2 A payment of £1,000 is made from the Police Property Act Fund to the Tribunal Trust to form part of a contribution towards supporting Fusion Youth Group Theatre Grimsby (FYGT).

**3. Background**

- 3.1 In July 2010 the Choices Programme initiated a review of income generation, which included consideration of income from the sale of found and other than found property. The proceeds from the sale of other than found property, which is property that comes into police possession as the result of an investigation, are paid into the Police Property Act Fund (less any costs of administering, storing and disposing of the property).

- 3.2 This Fund was administered by the Police Authority and used to support charitable and not-for-profit initiatives aimed at crime reduction and community safety in the area. The process for disbursing the Fund was agreed by the (former) Audit and Strategy Committee on 9 November 2004 (Minute 102 refers)
- 3.3 The Choices review found that the Fund was very small (circa £7k per annum) and that the projects funded were also being funded separately by the Trust. The Trust was formed by the High Sheriffs of Lincolnshire and the East Riding of Yorkshire together with the Chief Constable, who sits on its board. It provides grants to charities and community groups to support projects that fulfil the following objectives:
- Improve quality of life
  - Create a positive image for business and residential communities
  - Make the area a safe place to live, work and invest
  - Protect the vulnerable
  - Promote good citizenship
  - Tackle drug and alcohol misuse
  - Promote sport and good health
  - Improve road safety
  - Protect homes, businesses and transport
  - Promote a safe and vibrant community
- 3.4 The Choices Review Board considered the proposal and, after taking legal advice from the Head of Legal Services, recommended to Members of the Authority that they delegate administration of the Police Property Act Fund to the Trust. Legal obligations would be discharged provided that the proposals for allocation of funding are approved by Members. On 27<sup>th</sup> September 2011 (Minute 28) Members of the Authority resolved that the administration of the Police Property Act Fund be delegated to the High Sheriffs' and Humberside Police Tribune Trust.
- 3.5 The PCC indicated in discussions during a previous submission on 24<sup>th</sup> April that he would prefer any contributions from the Fund to be matched 50/50 by contribution from the Tribune Trust thereby ensuring our limited funds go further. The Director of the Tribune Trust is supportive of this approach.
- 3.6 The balance in the Fund currently stands at £10,985.89. The Trust has received funding requests from the Chair of Moto Club Yorkshire and Fusion Youth Group Theatre Grimsby details of which are attached at

Appendixes 'A' and 'B' respectively. The Director of the Trust has requested a contribution from the Fund of £1,000 be made to each of these (total £2,000) which, if granted, will be supported by £1,000 to each from the Trust (total £2,000).

#### **4. Options**

- 4.1 The only options for the Commissioner are to approve or decline this request. Approval of the recommendation would release funds that would be used in support of the outcomes in the Police and Crime Plan.

#### **5. Risks**

- 5.1 There are no risks with approving this recommendation. The Trust will be responsible for making payments to the projects and for ensuring they are spent in line with the Trust's objectives.

#### **6. Financial Implications**

- 6.1 There are sufficient monies held in the fund to meet this request and, subject to approval, a balance of £8,985.89 will remain.

#### **7. Legal Implications**

- 7.1 The Police Property Act 1897, as amended in 1997 and the Police and Social Responsibility Act 2011, together with decisions made by Humberside Police Authority, provide the legal basis upon which this recommendation can be approved.

#### **8. Equalities Implications**

- 8.1 There are no equalities implications arising from this request.

#### **9. Consultation**

- 9.1 The Director has consulted with the Public Manager on this issue and, subject to a decision today, his Trustees will be requested to approve their contribution when they meet on 10<sup>th</sup> July.

#### **10. Media information**

10.1 The Director of the Trust will work with the Public Manager to issue media releases which recognise the contribution by the Commissioner when the awards are made.

**11. Background documents**

- Appendix 'A': Background report on the work of Moto Club Yorkshire.
- Appendix 'B': Background report on the work of Fusion Youth Group Theatre Grimsby.

**Paul Cheeseman**

**Public Manager**

**Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner Humberside**

**Moto Club Yorkshire (MCY)**

The club comprises a small group of adult volunteers who have an interest in working with young people and an interest in motorcycling. MCY is registered with East Riding Voluntary Action Services (ERVAS) and has a base on the Hornsea Secondary School site, using a prefabricated building and several storage containers for equipment.

The aim of MCY is to give children and teens a safe experience of riding a mini motorcycle, in preference to their riding out on the streets etc, teaching responsibility and safe riding skills with some mechanical awareness. The club own 10 mini (power restricted) bikes which they transport by trailer to an agreed tarmac site (usually a School). Here they use volunteers to set up a circuit and provide tuition to young riders. They run 2 hour sessions for up to 20 persons (5 Max on the circuit at any one time).

They make a charge for each session of £150 which covers their costs and all monies are used by the club. They aim to provide 6 sessions per year and try to keep costs to a minimum so as to make this experience available to as many young people as possible. MCY has taken referrals and groups linked to the youth service including children and teens who have previously ridden illegally on public roads.

MCY is seeking a donation to cover some of its costs for the next twelve months. These include annual insurance for public liability of £600- £800, renovation or replacement of storage containers which have leaking roofs estimated at £2000 and renewal of some equipment including bikes, parts and safety accessories at a cost of around £1,000.

In addition MCY is seeking to identify an unused large shed, or similar, to use as an indoor all weather facility so as to run more sessions in the East Riding for young people. They hope to secure this at either Nil or peppercorn rental.

The Chair of the Tribune Trust will work with the Trustees to establish if they, or any colleagues in the agricultural industry, are able to assist with an all weather facility. In relation to the annual costs the Director believes the aims of MCY match those of the Trust who have supported their work in the past. He has suggested an overall contribution of £2,000 should be made to support their work funded 50/50 by the Trust and the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner from the proceeds held in the Police Property Act fund.





**Fusion Youth Theatre Grimsby**

Fusion Youth Centre is based at St James Church, Grimsby but also works with young people at the Trin Youth Centre, Cleethorpes known to the Tribune Trust through another funded project. The theatre is well established and all its work is with young people. In addition to normal productions and plays the theatre runs workshops and rehearsal groups with a different flavour with tackling challenging community issues.

The drama workshops are run on Wednesday evenings and Saturday mornings for children and young people of all ages. Issues covered over the last 2 years have included the misuse of drugs and alcohol, gun crime and domestic abuse. A recent production entitled 'Deeds not Words' was about the suffragettes and was devised to encourage young people to understand democracy (citizenship) and the importance of using their vote.

The NSPCC are interested in the potential of the theatre group and more parents and guardians of special needs children are becoming involved. The group has strong links to the North East Lincolnshire Youth Offending Team.

Drama instils a sense of discipline in young people as they learn lines and memorise cues at the same time as being educated informally about many current social issues.

A formal application has been made to the Tribune Trust for financial support. The theatre group is generally self funding with the main source of income being through the membership fees which are £30 per school term. Until recently this has been sufficient along with income from performances. Due to the increased interest from parents and guardians who cannot afford the subscriptions and the scope of the issues now tackled the group is seeking funding from charities and trusts to help them tackle these topics and continue to reach a wider group of disadvantaged young people. This will help cover the costs of performance venues, the workshops, transport and other associated financial requirements.

The Trust Director believes a grant award from the Tribune Trust would strengthen the influence of the group in the area amongst criminal justice and community safety agencies, would attract other funding and enable it to tackle other sensitive issues through drama in education. He recommends an award of £2,000 is made comprising £1,000 from the Police Property Act Fund with £1,000 coming from the Trust.