

## **POLICE PROPERTY ACT FUND**

### **INTRODUCTION**

1. This report seeks to inform Members of applications made for funding under the Police Property Act Fund. It makes recommendations relating to those applicants who fulfil the criteria established by the Authority.

### **BACKGROUND**

2. The Police Property Act Fund was established by the police (Disposal of Property Regulations) in 1975. In accordance with Regulation 4(7)C of the Regulations the Police Authority is entitled to use the Fund and make payments "of such amount ..... and for such charitable purposes as they may select".
3. At the Audit & Strategy Committee of 9 November 2004 Members resolved to:
  - Adopt the criteria detailed at Appendix A awarding future grants;
  - Adopt the procedure outlined at Appendix B for awarding future grants; and
  - Adopt the application form detailed at Appendix C.
4. At the Audit & Strategy Committee meeting on 22 November 2005 Members considered a report which included how funds had been awarded and information confirming that grants had been spent appropriately. Members resolved to receive a further report to include final recommendations for disbursement of the current applications to the fund at the meeting of the next Audit & Strategy Committee.

### **APPLICATIONS**

5. The current amount of funding available stands at £ 14,714
6. Bids were received from a total of 19 organisations. These are defined at Appendix D. All bids were assessed against the established criteria. It was found that 9 bids meet the requirements of the criteria. These are:
  - "Get Connected"
  - Westcliff Neighbourhood Drop In Centre
  - North East Lincolnshire Motor Project
  - Grimsby and Cleethorpes YMCA
  - Grimsby and Cleethorpes Sea Cadets
  - Hull Rape Crisis
  - Driffield Junior Football Club
  - Humberside Police Youth and Community Centre
  - Grimsby and Scunthorpe Rape Crisis

## **FURTHER INFORMATION RELATING TO THE QUALIFYING BIDS**

7. "Get Connected"  
"Get Connected" is a national organisation providing a young persons' helpline. Each year they help around 220 young people under 25 years of age from the Humberside Police Area with a range of issues that face vulnerable children and youth in crisis, from homelessness to problems with violence, from trying to get clean from drugs to dealing with mental and physical ill health. The funding will be spent on general costs. The current request £1000.
8. Westcliff Neighbourhood Drop In Centre  
This Drop In Centre is an established independent community project based at Westcliff estate Scunthorpe. Its aim is to serve, support and respond to the needs of the residents including children and young people and to encourage community involvement. The funding will pay for targeting young people who are at risk from regular exclusion from school and are dealing with many social and economic problems and often find themselves in conflict with other community members within the estate. Funding will go towards establishing a project worker to work with the young people. The amount requested is £3430.
9. North East Lincolnshire Motor Project  
This project was established in 1999 to work with young people in North East Lincolnshire. The project revolves around working on motorcycles which are given to the project by Humberside Police and training people to work on repairing and renovating them. One of the main achievements of the project recently was to send repaired and restored motorcycles to the Gambia for schoolteachers and police use. The project is focused on diverting young people from anti-social behaviour. The amount requested is £1300.
10. Grimsby and Cleethorpes YMCA  
This organisation has established drop in projects in the villages around Grimsby and Cleethorpes as there were no youth facilities in the area. The project offers varied services to members of the community focussing on young people under the age of 21. Funding for this project which was through the SRB fund has expired and whilst some funding has been secured from Humberside Police and parish councils the organisation is endeavouring to secure more money to sustain the project. The project aims to divert young people away from drugs, alcohol and crime through a variety of interventions. The funding will be used to fund one session a week for a twelve month period which will involve young people from 11 or over becoming involved in a wide range of activities. The amount of funding requested is £2267.
11. Grimsby and Cleethorpes Sea Cadets  
The Sea Cadets are a nationwide uniform voluntary youth organisation engaging young people regardless of sex, religion or race. They provide training and development opportunities for young people in the Grimsby and Cleethorpes area enabling them to gain expertise in a wide range of sea-related, land and water borne activities in an endeavour to maintain a disciplined and caring environment especially for those who come from difficult backgrounds; the focus being to divert young people away from crime and anti-social behaviour. The funding will be used to assist

in the purchase of a small boat as well as other ancillary activates connected with running costs. The amount requested is £6000.

12. Hull Rape Crisis

This organisation aims to offer free help and support through non-judgemental face-to-face counselling for any woman over the age of 16 who has been raped or sexually abused at some time in their life. They offer support and advice from their premises in addition they also offer a telephone helpline. The funding is to be used to pay to help them to upgrade their office equipment in order that they may become more efficient. The amount requested is £1500.

13. Driffield Junior Football Club

Driffield Junior Football Club was established to engage young people between the ages of five and 17 years of age in footballing activities. The objective of this project which currently has over 250 members is to help combat crime and anti-social behaviour by keeping young people occupied and diverted. The funding would be used to purchase goal posts and nets for three pitches, corner flags and line-marking equipment. The amount requested is £1000.

14. Humberside Police Youth and Community Centre

The Humberside Police Youth and Community Centre is engaged in providing a range of diversionary activities for children and young people. The Centre also provides activities to engage the local community. The Centre is looking for funding towards its running costs which was in excess of £12000 last year. In total over 300 young people access the Club's groups every week. The Club has been running successfully for 61 years and is sponsored by Humberside Police. The amount requested is £ 3000.

15. The Grimsby and Scunthorpe Rape Crisis

Rape crisis provides a free and confidential listening and support service for adult victims of rape and sexual assault. It offers a free telephone helpline for 8 hours a week and individual 'one to one sessions'. It also endeavours to raise awareness in local communities about the issue of rape and sexual abuse with the aim of preventing harm. The funding will be used principally for training of volunteers. The amount requested is £2,359.

**CONCLUSIONS**

16. Having regard to the funding available it is recommended that awards be made as follows:

<i>No.</i>	<i>Name of Appellant</i>	<i>Requested</i>	<i>Recommended</i>
1	Get Connected	1000	673
2	Westcliff Neighbourhood Drop-in Centre	3430	2309
3	North East Lincolnshire Motor Project	1300	875

4	Grimsby and Cleethorpes YMCA	2267	1526
5	Grimsby and Cleethorpes Sea Cadets	6000	4040
6	Hull Rape Crisis	1500	1010
7	Driffield Junior Football Club	1000	673
8	Humberside Police Youth and Community Centre	3000	2020
9	Grimsby and Scunthorpe Rape Crisis	2359	1588
		21856	14714

## RECOMMENDATIONS

17. It is recommended that:

- i. Members discuss this report;
- ii. Agree that the bids are in accordance with the criteria for the disbursement of the Police Property Act Fund and the proposed procedure for the disbursement of the Fund;
- iii. Agree on the amounts of funding as specified within the report;

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Background documents: