



BY EMAIL ONLY

Mr P Ponting

Please ask for: Ian Dickinson
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Our Ref:
Date: 14th November 2018

Dear Mr Ponting,

I refer to your Freedom of Information Request of the 17th October 2018. In your email you asked: -

For clarification, could you ask the North West Blood Bikes for their comments as they make a CLEAR reference that the bike was donated to them by Clive Grunshaw. This is both misleading and false (assuming the facts you present are true). Their comments do therefore allege the bike was 'illegally' donated by the Crime Commissioner and raises questions as to why they would post such an erroneous comment?

It is not within the remit of the Police and Crime Commissioner to ask the North West Blood Bikes for their comments.

Through the Commissioner's Scheme of Governance approved on the 22 November 2012, the Chief Constable is permitted to dispose of assets other than land, up to the values set out in Financial Regulations.

What value of asset can the chief Constable 'dispose of'?

As there is no specific value set out in the Financial Regulations it is a matter for the Chief Constable/delegated officers to determine the value of the asset at the point of disposal.

Who values the 'asset' prior to the Chief Constable 'disposing of it'.

The only information the OPCC holds is in relation to the valuation of the asset 'PN07 ECJ' and have previously advised you that the authorisation was given by the Head of Business Services.

We do not hold any other information as to who value the assets.

What was the official valuation of PN07 ECJ at the time of donation.

Motorcycle registration PN07 ECJ, was valued at £1500 by the Head of Business Support at Lancashire Constabulary.



Please provide formal documentation to the above valuations of public assets.

I can confirm that the OPCC does not hold any formal documents in this regard save as the email attached.

Why would such valuable asset be 'given away' they can easily have been sold and returned to the police funds.

The rationale for the donation of PN07 ECJ was provided to you on the 19th September 2018. We have nothing further to add.

What was the official process for donating such a valuable asset and why to this particular charity? Bearing in mind, the NWBB charity chairman is an ex Lancashire police motorcyclist and a JP.

I can confirm that the OPCC does not hold this information.

As an example, an R 1200 RT motorcycle is currently worth (at today's prices) as much as £6,000.

I note your observation

I am keen to identify the valuation at the time the bike (police asset) was 'donated' to the charity whose chairman happens to be an ex Lancashire police motorcyclist.

This information has been provided above.

With regards to the other bikes mentioned (for transparency), please can you provide the same information relating to

Valuation at the time of 'sale',

This is a repeated request which has been answered by Mr Freeman in his letter to you dated the 17 October, 2018.

Who valued the bikes,

We do not hold this information

and why they were 'sold' at a loss when they could have been sold for a higher value, possibly supporting multiple charities.

This is a question in the course of business but I can confirm that the OPCC does not hold this information.



If you are dissatisfied with the response and wish to appeal, please write to the address below setting out your reasons within 21 days of receipt of this letter and your request will be dealt with through our internal review procedure:-

Steve Freeman
Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner for Lancashire
PO Box 653
Preston
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If you are still not satisfied with the decision after review, you may complain to:-

The Information Commissioner
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire SK9 5AF

The OPCC has provided you with all the information it holds in relation to this matter and whilst accepting your statutory rights (above) we do not propose to enter into any further correspondence with you and consider this matter closed.

Yours faithfully,

Ian Dickinson
Governance & Policing Lead
Office of the Police & Crime Commissioner for Lancashire