



THE POLICE & CRIME COMMISSIONER FOR CLEVELAND

DECISION RECORD FORM

REQUEST: For Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) approval.

Title: Police Pension Forfeiture: Application to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture

Executive Summary

On 3rd July 2026, the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC), in his capacity as the Pension Supervising Authority (PSA) for Cleveland Police, considered whether to submit an application to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture in respect of a former Cleveland Police officer who has been convicted of serious criminal offences, including sexual offences.

The Police Pension Regulations provide that a police pension may be forfeited, in whole or in part, where a former officer has been convicted of an offence committed in connection with their service as a member of a police force and the offence has been certified by the Secretary of State as being liable to lead to a serious loss of confidence in the public service.

Under Regulation K5 of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987, together with the corresponding provisions of the Police Pension Regulations 2006 and 2015, the PCC has the authority to apply to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture where the relevant statutory criteria are considered to be satisfied.

Having considered the circumstances of the case, including the nature and seriousness of the offences, the connection between the offending and police service, the relevant [Home Office Police Pension Forfeiture Guidance](#), and representations made by the former officer, the PCC determined that an application should be submitted to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture.

This Decision Notice records the PCC's decision to proceed with an application to the Home Secretary.

Decision: To submit an application to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture in respect of a former Cleveland Police officer in accordance with the Police Pension Regulations and Home Office Police Pension Forfeiture Guidance.

OPCC Lead Officer: Lisa Oldroyd

Contractor Details (if applicable):

Implications:

Has consideration been taken of the following:	Yes	No	
Financial	☒	☐	
Legal	☒	☐	

Equality & Diversity	☒	☐	
Human Rights	☒	☐	
Sustainability	☒	☐	
Risk	☒	☐	
(If yes please provide further details below)			

Decision Required – Supporting Information

Financial Implications: (Must include comments of the PCC's Chief Finance Officer where the decision has financial implications)

There are no financial implications associated with the decision to make the application for the pension forfeiture. Should the forfeiture be awarded any savings from a reduced pension flow into the wider Police Officer Pension Fund, which is centrally balanced via officer/employer contributions and Home Office top-up grants, rather than local budgets.

Legal Implications: (Must include comments of the Monitoring Officer where the decision has legal implication)

The legal basis for pension forfeiture is contained within Regulation K5 of the Police Pensions Regulations 1987, Regulation 55 of the Police Pensions Regulations 2006 and Chapter 5 of Part 13 of the Police Pensions Regulations 2015.

The decision at this stage is limited to an application to the Home Secretary for a Certificate of Forfeiture. Any decision regarding forfeiture, including whether forfeiture should occur and the extent of any forfeiture, would only arise if a certificate is subsequently issued by the Home Secretary.

This decision is within the PCC's statutory powers and that the process followed is consistent with the relevant legislation and Home Office Police Pension Forfeiture Guidance.

Equality and Diversity Implications:

None arising. The decision relates to the application of a statutory process in respect of an individual case and has been taken in accordance with the relevant legislative framework and Home Office guidance.

Human Rights Implications:

The former officer has been afforded the opportunity to make representations before a decision was taken, in accordance with principles of procedural fairness. No other specific human rights implications have been identified.

Sustainability Implications:

None arising.

Risk Management Implications:

As detailed above, the process has been undertaken in accordance with the relevant Police Pension Regulations and Home Office Police Pension Forfeiture Guidance.

OFFICER APPROVAL

Monitoring Officer:

I have been consulted about the decision and confirm that financial, legal, and equalities advice has been taken into account. I am satisfied that this is an appropriate request to be submitted to the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Signed



Date 14/08/26

Police and Crime Commissioner:

The above request HAS my approval.

Signed



Date 25/08/2026