

**POLICE AND CRIME
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THE WEST MIDLANDS**

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NOTICE OF DECISION

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Title: Disposal of items from West Midlands Police Museum

INTRODUCTION

The police museum has inherited numerous items over the years that either have nothing to do with policing, are not related to the West Midlands or are duplicates and therefore will never form part of a future display and do not add to our understanding of the history of policing the West Midlands. As we plan for the relocation to the Lock-up, it has become apparent that many of these items should be reviewed and disposed.

Following a previous decision early 2020 for the process of the museum team identifying items for disposal, gaining approval of the Heritage Project SRO, advertising via the Museums Association 'Find an Object' (where appropriate) and the museum subsequently using any income generated for preservation or conservation activities or to enhance the collection, and approval to follow this process for the first two items highlighted for disposal (two Terrence Cuneo paintings) this paper highlights additional objects recommended for disposal at this stage and asks for approval.

INFORMATION TO SUPPORT THE DECISION

The Police Museum has inherited various items since it began in the 1960s, several of which have nothing to do with policing, may be duplicates and will never form part of future displays or exhibitions at the Lock-up. Importantly – they do not fit within the West Midlands Police Museum collection as specified by the WMP Museum Collection Development Policy, which outlines the basis of the collection and what should and shouldn't form part of it.

The disposal of these objects have been approved by the Senior Responsible Officer for the Heritage Project.

There are several items we are seeking approval for disposal as follows, all sale prices are approximate and an estimated total for the sum of those items, based on guidance from an auctioneer:

- A variety of policing/criminal justice books, duplicates or not relevant to collection £50 - £100
 - Two station clocks, no provenance, £50 - £100
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- Pair of American Civil War sabres, not relevant to collection £200-£300
- Bayonette scabbards (note bayonettes have been destroyed) not relevant to the collection £120-£130
- International police badges, foreign force helmets, not relevant to the collection £200- £500
- Large collection of police badges, not relevant to collection £5,000
- Five antique obsolete firearms, not relevant to collection £500 - £700

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

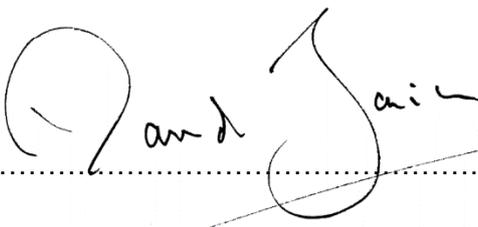
Comprehensive efforts have been made to confirm that all items have been donated to the Museum and no previous owners have been identified.

DECISION

To approve items suggested for disposal from the Police Museum following Museums Association guidance for any money gained from the sale to go towards the long term preservation of the museum collection.

Police and Crime Commissioner for the West Midlands

I confirm that I do not have any disclosable pecuniary interests in this decision and take the decision in compliance with the Code of Conduct for the Police and Crime Commissioner of the West Midlands. Any interests are indicated below.

Signature.....

Date 07.05.21