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07th September 2010

Dear XXXX

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: XXXX

I write in connection with your request for information dated 03rd August 2010, I note you seek access to the following information:-

- 1) How many vehicles does the police force currently operate, giving a breakdown of cars, vans and motorbikes?**
- 2) Has the number of vehicles increased or decreased during the past year and if so by how many?**
- 3) Are you planning to increase or decrease the number of vehicles during the next 12 months and if so by how many?**
- 4) Considering planned cuts to the police budget, how do you intend to minimise the effect on the number of vehicles you operate? For example, will you be looking at using telematics, switching from petrol to diesel-powered vehicles or changing current models to less expensive variants?**
- 5) What is the overall annual mileage of your fleet of vehicles? Has this increased or decreased in the past year and if so by how much?**
- 6) Are you planning for this to go up or down during the next year and if so by how much?**
- 7) How much did you spend on fuel for your fleet during the last financial year 2009-10? Was this more or less than in the previous financial year (2008-09) and if so by how much?**
- 8) Are you expecting this to go up or down in this financial year (2010-11) and if so by how much?**

Result Of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that some of the information you have requested is held by Greater Manchester Police and is as follows;

Question 1,

1218 cars
77 bikes
505 vans.

Question 2, there has been an increase of 50 vehicles in the financial year 2009/10 compared to 2008/09.

Question 3 and 4, decrease fleet size, however, by how many this information is not held. GMP are currently using telematics and already operate mostly diesel vehicles.

Question 5, there has been a decrease of 1 million miles, for financial year 2009/10 there was 20.5 million miles and for the financial year of 2008/09 21.5 million miles.

Question 6, a decrease of 10%.

Question 7, for the year 2009/10 the cost of fuel for GMP's fleet was £2,828,280 and this was less than year 2008/09 which was £3076,533.

Question 8, a decrease of 10%.

As per Sec.16 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 providing advice and assistance in relation to question 3, GMP are unable to advise of the decrease number until the force is aware of the planned budget.

Complaint Rights

Your attention is drawn to the attached sheet, which details your right of complaint.

Should you have any further queries concerning this matter, please write or contact me on telephone number 0161-856-2529 quoting the reference number above.

Yours sincerely

Information Access Officer

COMPLAINT RIGHTS

Are you unhappy with how your request has been handled or do you think the decision is incorrect?

You have the right to require Greater Manchester Police to review their decision.

Prior to lodging a formal complaint you are welcome and encouraged to discuss the decision with the case officer that dealt with your request.

Ask to have the decision looked at again –

The quickest and easiest way to have the decision looked at again is to telephone the case officer that is nominated at the end of your decision letter.

That person will be able to discuss the decision, explain any issues and assist with any problems.

Complaint

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision of Greater Manchester Police made under the Freedom of Information Act 2000 regarding access to information, you can lodge a complaint with Greater Manchester Police to have the decision reviewed.

Complaints should be made in writing and addressed to:

Freedom of Information Officer
Greater Manchester Police
Police Headquarters
Chester House
Boyer Street
Manchester
M16 0RE

The Information Commissioner

After lodging a complaint with Greater Manchester Police if you are still dissatisfied with the decision you can make an application to the Information Commissioner for a decision on whether the request for information has been dealt with in accordance with the requirements of the Act.

For information on how to make an application to the Information Commissioner please visit their website at www.informationcommissioner.gov.uk. Alternatively, phone or write to:

Information Commissioner's Office
Wycliffe House
Water Lane
Wilmslow
Cheshire
SK9 5AF
Phone: 01625 545 700