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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: FOI/25/015382/T

I write in connection with your request for information dated 20/08/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Please provide answers to the following questions concerning the Greater Manchester Police Band:

- 1 - Does the Force provide any direct or indirect funding for the band's operations? If so, please provide a breakdown of the types of funding (e.g., equipment, uniforms, rehearsal space, etc.) for the most recent financial year.***
- 2 - Are all members of the band officially classed as volunteers by the Force? If not, what is the employment status of those who are not?***
- 3 - Are engagements and performances by the band provided free of charge, or is a fee charged to the event organiser?***
- 4 - Are travel expenses paid for band members for all duties and engagements? If so, please provide the relevant policy on travel expense reimbursement for band members.***
- 5 - Are there any plans for a review or change to the policies outlined in questions 1-4 within the next 12 months?***

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate the requested information and I can confirm the information requested is held by GMP.

Question 1 – The Force provides direct funding for the entire band. The amount covers all expenses, there is no information held in relation to breakdown allocated to categories.

Question 2 – All members of the band are classified as volunteers.

Question 3 – Some performances are provided free, although where appropriate a fee or donation may be charged or offered.

Question 4 – All band volunteers are given a fixed amount to cover travel expenses regardless of where the engagements are based.

Question 5 – No.