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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/017254/P

I write in connection with your request for information dated 17/07/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

E-BIKES

Please provide the following information for the years 2025, 2024, and 2023 (with separate numbers given for each year).

***How many e-bikes did your force seize?
Of the e-bikes seized, how many did you later sell?
Of the e-bikes seized, how many did you return to the owner?
Of the e-bikes seized, how many did you destroy?***

E-SCOOTERS

Please provide the following information for the years 2025, 2024, 2023 (with separate numbers given for each year).

***How many e-scooters did your force seize?
Of the e-scooters seized, how many did you later sell?
Of the e-scooters seized, how many did you return to the owner?
Of the e-scooters seized, how many did you destroy?***

(To explain - when I say "how many did you sell", I'm referring to the long-running policy that some police forces have where they sell seized items to members of the public or to businesses, often via online auctions).

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.

Please note we can only obtain 2023 data from 06/04/23 as part of our Vehicle Recovery System. Please note table 1 includes E-Scooters and E-Bikes recovered via GMP Vehicle Recovery Scheme.

Table 1	GMP Vehicle Recovery Scheme	Number Seized	Number Sold	Returned to Owner	Number Destroyed
06/04/23 - 31/12/23	Motorcycles Electric	92	0	16	76
01/01/24 - 31/12/24	Motorcycles Electric	235	0	36	199
01/01/25 - 31/12/25	Motorcycles Electric	569	0	29	540
06/04/23 - 31/12/23	E-Scooters	104	0	0	104
01/01/24 - 31/12/24	E-Scooters	46	0	0	46
01/01/25 - 31/12/25	E-Scooters	210	0	0	210

Table 2 includes E-Scooters and E-Bikes recovered via GMP Property team.

Please note: Due to the systems and processes adopted by GMP for recording this information, the data disclosed may not always be accurate. In some cases, items are incorrectly recorded on the Electronic Property Management System (ePMS) when they should have been recorded under the Section 165 procedure. As a result, these items do not enter the Evidential Property Store, as they have already been recovered by the Vehicle Recovery Scheme (VRS). Therefore, the information provided below should not be relied upon for comparison purposes, as it may not present a complete or accurate record

Table 2	GMP Property team.	Number Seized	Number Sold	Returned to Owner	Number Destroyed
06/04/23 - 31/12/23	Motorcycles Electric	60	1	10	10
01/01/24 - 31/12/24	Motorcycles Electric	97	4	12	5
01/01/25 - 31/12/25	Motorcycles Electric	150	1	10	10
06/04/23 - 31/12/23	E-Scooters	72	0	7	10
01/01/24 - 31/12/24	E-Scooters	60	0	6	19
01/01/25 - 31/12/25	E-Scooters	84	0	3	27