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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/25/014660/S

I write in connection with your request for information dated 24/04/2025, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Q1 - Has the police force introduced discounted salary schemes for employees who own electric vehicles.

Q2 - What information you hold on the value of vehicles purchased and sold by the police force in each year since 2015.

Q3 - What information you hold on the number of petrol, diesel, hydrogen, hybrid, plug-in hybrid and fully electric vehicles purchased by the police force in each year since 2015.

Q4 - What information you hold on the number of vehicles in the police fleet aged up to one year, between one and two years, between three and five years and older than five years.

Q5 - What information you hold on the number of vehicles purchased by the police force in each year since 2015, broken down by car manufacturer.

Q6 - What information you hold on the level of carbon emissions and source of carbon emissions for the police force in each year between 2015 and 2025.

Q7 - What information you hold on start and end dates for lease agreements held by the police force for its vehicle fleet.

Q8 - What information you hold on the number and proportion of police vehicles that were petrol, diesel, hydrogen, hybrid, plug-in hybrid and fully electric in each year between 2015 and 2025.

Q9 - What discussions the police force has had with Distribution Network Operators on steps to accelerate the upgrades to substations near charging points for police electric vehicles.

Result of Searches

Following receipt of your request searches were conducted within Greater Manchester Police (GMP) to locate information relevant to your request. I can confirm that the information you have requested is held by GMP, however, I am not obliged to supply all the information requested as exemption applies.

Section 17 of the Freedom of Information Act 2000 requires GMP, when refusing to provide such information (because the information is exempt) to provide you, the applicant, with a notice which: (a) states that fact, (b) specifies the exemption in question and (c) states (if that would not otherwise be apparent) why the exemption applies. The information you have requested in questions 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 is exempt under **Section 31(1) – Law Enforcement**. Section 31 is a qualified, prejudice-based exemption. Therefore, the harm should be articulated, and arguments given as to the public interest test.

Evidence of Harm

Disclosure of full information on fleet, such as the number and type of vehicles in GMP's fleet, could be of intelligence value to a person or persons with criminal or malicious intent. Full disclosure could provide and enable targeted malicious actions, be that some form of attack on an operational unit or avoiding that unit for example where strengths and weakness may be perceived (whether incorrectly or not).

The safety of the public is of a paramount importance to Greater Manchester Police and to release the number and type of vehicles owned by GMP and how they are used would compromise the safety of the public that Greater Manchester Police serve to protect.

Furthermore, this would impact on the law enforcement capabilities of Greater Manchester Police in the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. This would also give an advantage to those that are intent on committing crimes and avoid detection.

Additionally, law enforcement tactics and operational capability would be compromised with the disclosure of the number vehicles GMP own as those who wish to commit criminal acts will be more aware of what vehicles may belong to the force, that assist with preventing and detecting crime. Those intent on committing crime may use the information to understand operational numbers for events and other instances where the police may be called to protect the public.

Public Interest Test Factors favouring disclosure under Section 31

There is a legitimate public interest in the public being satisfied that the Police force has up to date and well-maintained vehicles to deliver services to the public when and where required. The release of the number and type of vehicles would demonstrate the openness of the organisation to make such matters public. The disclosure of information relating to the number of vehicles owned would adhere to the general principle of openness and transparency and better inform the public about how public funds are spent and better awareness which may reduce crime or lead to more information from the public.

Factors favouring non-disclosure under Section 31

The Police service has a duty to deliver effective law enforcement ensuring that the prevention and detection of crime, apprehension or prosecution of offenders and administration of justice is carried out appropriately. Disclosing any information that would allow the identification of all vehicles may reveal what resources are available for a given role and this information could enable police strength to be determined and circumvented by those who are intent on committing crime. The release of this information could therefore provide a tactical advantage to offenders which would negatively impact on public safety and undermine the policing purpose. Any disclosure of information which is likely to undermine the Police Service's ability to serve the public in preventing and detecting crime can only be considered as being harmful to the public.

Balance Test

It is not in the public interest for law enforcement tactics and operational capability to be compromised with the disclosure of all Fleet details, as those who wish to commit criminal acts will be more aware of the vehicles in operation to assist with preventing and detecting crime.

1. GMP has a salary sacrifice scheme which allows officers and staff to lease electric vehicles.
2. Exempt under S31, see above.
3. Exempt under S31, see above.
4. Exempt under S31, see above.
5. Exempt under S31, see above.
6. Carbon emissions have been calculated for our baseline year of 2018/2019: 20,495 tonnes CO₂ from scope 1 & 2 sources. Carbon emissions have been calculated for two other periods:
 - a. 2022/2023: 17,677 tonnes CO₂ from scope 1 & 2 sources
 - b. 2023/2024: 16,979 tonnes CO₂ from scope 1 & 2 sources
7. No information held. No fleet vehicles are currently leased.
8. Exempt under S31, see above.
9. No such discussions have taken place.