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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 01/FOI/26/016961/F

I write in connection with your request for information dated 28/05/2026, received by Greater Manchester Police (GMP) for the following information:

Under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, I would like to request information regarding the introduction and use of grey police vehicles within Greater Manchester Police.

Please could you provide:

- 1. Any documents, assessments, reports, or internal discussions relating to the decision to introduce grey police vehicles rather than white vehicles.*
- 2. Any cost comparisons, procurement assessments, or financial considerations comparing grey vehicles with white vehicles.*
- 3. Any Equality Impact Assessments, accessibility assessments, or community impact assessments carried out in relation to the change in vehicle appearance.*
- 4. Any public communication plans, media releases, or consultation documents relating to the introduction of grey police vehicles.*
- 5. The approximate date that grey police vehicles began entering operational service within GMP.*

I understand that some information may be exempt from disclosure where appropriate under the Act.

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 in questions 1-4 is not held by GMP.

I can confirm that the information you have requested in question 5 is held by GMP, However, GMP does not hold the information that you have requested in an easily retrievable format. To provide the data requested would involve a manual search of all fleet vehicle records past and present to establish which relate to grey vehicles and when the first grey vehicle entered the fleet. Therefore, to comply with the whole of your request the process would take over 18 hours' work which exceeds the appropriate limit of £450.00, the amount to which we are legally required to respond.

As per section 12(1) of the Freedom of Information Act 2000, the cost of providing you with the information is therefore above the amount to which we are legally required to respond i.e. the cost of locating and retrieving the information exceeds the 'appropriate level' as stated in the Freedom of Information (Fees and Appropriate Limit) Regulations 2004. If one part of the request engages a Section 12 response, the whole request will engage a Section 12 response. The reason being is locating, retrieving and extracting any further information would only add to the already exceeded time obligations and so no other searches have been completed at this stage.

In accordance with the Freedom of Information Act 2000, this letter acts as a Refusal Notice.

GMP is obligated, pursuant to section 16(1) of the Act to provide you with advice and assistance on refining your request to bring compliance within the fees limit. In order for the force to keep this within the fees limit, the information that you are requesting will need to be reduced to a greatly reduced time period. The resulting response cannot be guaranteed at this point as it will be dependent upon the number of records that fall within the scope of any new request, as they would still have to be manually assessed.