

11 November 2025

FOI Ref 22059

Request - You asked us the following:

I am requesting the following information, under the Freedom of Information Act because I cannot find it on your website.

1. How many combustion engine vehicles do you have in your fleet, please break these down into the following
 - a. Patrol and Response Cars
 - b. Unmarked Vehicles
 - c. Public Order Vehicles
 - d. Motorcycles
2. How many Electric vehicles do you have in your fleet, please break these down into the following
 - a. Patrol and Response Cars
 - b. Unmarked Vehicles
 - c. Public Order Vehicles
 - d. Motorcycles
3. If you have electric vehicles in your fleet, how many dedicated charging spots do you have?
4. What plans have you made to move towards an electric fleet, or to expand your already existing one? (please send any records of conversations and emails about this)
5. How much investment into the entire fleet has been made? Please break this down into the respective years
 - a. 2019
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2021
 - d. 2022
 - e. 2023
 - f. 2024
6. How much investment is going / has gone into moving towards an electric fleet? Please break this down into the respective years.
 - a. 2019
 - b. 2020
 - c. 2021
 - d. 2022
 - e. 2023
 - f. 2024
7. What is the deadline for your force to move to an all electric fleet?
8. Please send me any record of contingency plans in case you can't meet your deadline?

I do not believe that I have asked for any information which comes under any FOIA exemptions, including section 12.

I respectfully remind you that under the FOIA that under section 16, you must help me obtain the information I have requested.

Under the FOIA, you have 20 working days to respond to my request.

Should you need to clarify any part of my request, please do so immediately.

If you need to redact any information, please redact the minimum and explain why you feel the need to do this.

Should you refuse any part of my request, please explain the legal reasons for your doing so in case I wish to appeal.

We received your request on 05/11/2025 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

Staffordshire Police's response to your enquiry is as follows:

In accordance with Section 17(1) of the Freedom of Information Act, this letter represents a refusal notice for this particular request.

The following exemption has been applied:

- Section 12(1) where the cost of compliance exceeds the appropriate limit.
- Section 12(1) does not oblige a public authority to comply with a request for information if the authority estimates that the cost of complying with the request would exceed the prescribed limit'.

The above information has been withheld for the following reasons:

There is no method by which we can readily retrieve information from our systems to answer all of question 4 of this request. (please send any records of conversations and emails about this) Emails are retained for 2 years so we do not hold email information for 6 years. All emails sent and received by the force for the two year period would need to be reviewed to determine if the communication contained any information in relation to 'electric fleet'. To extract this data would therefore require a very labour-intensive manual trawl through each email. To achieve this task would therefore exceed the 18-hour time and cost threshold of the FOI Act by some considerable margin.

Advice and assistance

Section 16 of the Act places an obligation upon the Authority to provide advice and assistance, in order to comply with this obligation please see below.

In order to assist in refining your request. Should you retract the part of question 4 '(please send any records of conversations and emails about this)'. Data can be provided for the remainder of your request.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the Staffordshire Police website although personal details are not included.

Freedom of Information Request Appeals Procedure

1. Who Can Ask for a Review

Any person who has requested information from Staffordshire Police, which has been dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act, is entitled to complain and request an internal review, if they are dissatisfied with the response they received.

2. How to Request a Review

Requests for review of a Freedom of Information request must be made in writing within two months of the date of receipt of this email, and should be addressed to:

IAT@staffordshire.police.uk

Or by Post to:

Information Access Team
Staffordshire Police HQ
PO Box 3167
Stafford
ST16 9JZ

The reference number, date of the request and details of why the review is being requested must be included. Requests for review should be brought to the attention of the Information Access Team within two months of the Force's response to the original FOI request.

3. Review Procedure

Receipt of a request for review will be acknowledged in writing. The review will be conducted by a Supervisor who is independent from the original Decision Maker. The Information Access Team will set a target date for a response. The response will be made as soon as is practicable with the intention to complete the review within 20 working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to 40 working days.

The independent Supervisor will conduct a review of the handling of the request for information and of decisions taken, including decisions taken about where the public interest lies in respect of exempt information where applicable. The review enables a re-evaluation of the case, taking into account the matters raised by the complaint.

4. Conclusion of the Appeal

On completion of the review the Independent Supervisor will reply to the appellant with the result of the review. If the appellant is still dissatisfied following the review they should contact the Information Commissioner to make an appeal. The Information Commissioner can be contacted via the following link: <https://ico.org.uk/make-a-complaint/foi-and-eir-complaints/foi-and-eir-complaints/>



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