

17 March 2026

FOI Ref 22544

Request - You asked Staffordshire Police (SP) the following:

I am seeking high-level, aggregated financial information only relating to your force's vehicle recovery scheme. No transaction-level data, contracts, supplier pricing, or operational detail is requested.

Please provide the following, for FY 2024/25 and (if held) FY 2025/26 forecast:

1. Total annual cost of operating the vehicle recovery scheme (single aggregated figure per year is sufficient).
2. Total annual income received by the Force i.e. statutory vehicle recovery, storage and disposal fees, sale, auction, breaking or scrapping of vehicles
3. Net surplus or deficit for the vehicle recovery scheme for each year, as recorded in your accounts.
4. Confirmation of the basis (statutory provision, Home Office / NPCC guidance, or internal policy) used by the force to ensure statutory vehicle recovery fees operate on a cost-recovery basis and not as a profit-generating activity.
A document title, reference, or link is sufficient.

or

Confirmation that you do not have a rationale for the above.

5. If forecast information for FY 2025/26 is not held, please confirm this.

SP received your request on 17/02/2026 and have processed this under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA).

SP's response to your enquiry is as follows:

SP holds the requested information.

- 1. Total annual cost of operating the vehicle recovery scheme (single aggregated figure per year is sufficient). – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22544 Vehicle Recovery Scheme Data'.**
- 2. Total annual income received by the Force i.e. statutory vehicle recovery, storage and disposal fees, sale, auction, breaking or scrapping of vehicles – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22544 Vehicle Recovery Scheme Data'.**
- 3. Net surplus or deficit for the vehicle recovery scheme for each year, as recorded in your accounts. – **Disclosed, please see the accompanying file entitled 'FOI 22544 Vehicle Recovery Scheme Data'.**



- 4. Confirmation of the basis (statutory provision, Home Office / NPCC guidance, or internal policy) used by the force to ensure statutory vehicle recovery fees operate on a cost-recovery basis and not as a profit-generating activity.

A document title, reference, or link is sufficient. – **Staffordshire Police do not directly collect the Statutory vehicle recovery fees as these are paid to the Recovery Operator that recovers and stores the vehicle upon collection of the vehicle from their premises. The fees are prescribed under the following regulations: The Removal, Storage and Disposal of Vehicles (Prescribed Sums and Charges) Regulations 2008, as amended by subsequent legislation, including the Removal, Storage and Disposal of Motor Vehicles (Amendment) Regulations 2023. The statutory grid (fees) is installed in the Recovery Operators system that they use to record all vehicle transactions on.**

or

Confirmation that you do not have a rationale for the above.

- 5. If forecast information for FY 2025/26 is not held, please confirm this. – **Not applicable.**

Please note that this data has been provided to the best of the ability of SP, subject to the limitation of current recording protocols and systems/software.

Every effort is made to ensure that the data presented is accurate and complete. However, it is important to note that this has been extracted from multiple sources, developed for specific policing purposes, for which data extraction methods have not been specifically designed to directly correlate with the terminology of this request. Therefore, the data presented is subject to the inaccuracies and idiosyncrasies inherent in any large-scale recording system.

Consequently, care should be taken in the interpretation and presentation of this data, to not misrepresent the whole or any part of the data disclosed.

Please be advised that all Freedom of Information request responses are published on the SP 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 SP, 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:



STAFFORDSHIRE
POLICE

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 SP 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 twenty working days. In more complex cases the review may take up to forty 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, considering 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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Information Access Team