



Response Date:25/02/2026

2026/223 - Vehicle recovery scheme

In response to your recent request for information regarding;

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.**

Please see below answers to Q1, Q2 and Q3. Please note the figures for 2025/26 are projected:

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1. Total annual cost of operating the vehicle recovery scheme (single aggregated figure per year is sufficient)

2024/25	2025/26
£143,946.15	£148,455.03

2. Total annual income received by the Force i.e. statutory vehicle recovery, storage and disposal fees, sale, auction, breaking or scrapping of vehicles

2024/25	2025/26
-£159,455.29	-£244,095.60

3. Net surplus or deficit for the vehicle recovery scheme for each year, as recorded in your accounts.

2024/25	2025/26
-£15,509.14	-£95,640.57

**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.**

[Circular 003/2023: Charges for the removal, storage and disposal of vehicles under road traffic law - GOV.UK](#)

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.

Unable to predict further as it is dependent on number of vehicles recovered / seized and how many are reclaimed.

THIS INFORMATION HAS BEEN PROVIDED IN RESPONSE TO A REQUEST
UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT 2000, AND IS CORRECT AS AT 24/02/2026