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Dear [REDACTED]

We are writing in respect of your application for the release of information held by the Service, which we received on 20 May 2025. We can confirm that we have now completed our search for the information requested. Please find our answers in blue below.

You asked:

I am seeking information about the last 12 months.

1. *In the last 12 months, how many vehicles have been sent to auction for sale? **We can confirm we hold the information requested, unless noted below. 103 vehicles were sent to auction in the last 12 months.***

*Please provide the vehicle's registration number, make, and model and the disposal sale value for each vehicle received by you, is the value remitted different to the final amount you receive? **Please find this in the attached documents titled 'FOI 019 - Disposed Vehicles Apr 2024 - Mar 2025' and 'FOI 019 - Disposed Vehicles Apr 2025 - Mar 2026'.***

*Do you receive information from the auction regarding the individual value achieved for each vehicle sold? If so, at which auction were the vehicle(s) sold? **South Western Vehicle Auctions (SWVA) & Brightwells Ltd.***

2. *Does your fire service have a policy or documentation on the disposal of fire service vehicles and their resale, including to private fire operators, other fire services and charities? **Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service (HIWFRS) does not hold any policies or documentation on the disposal and resale of fire and rescue vehicles. All***

light vehicles are disposed of via public auction. Fire appliances are either sold via sealed bid, direct to a safe and secure dealer, occasionally we do donate appliances to charities such as Fireaid or sold via public auction.

3. Does your service have a policy on removing markings from vehicles sold at auction and removing blue lights and emergency warning systems? If so, please provide a copy of the policy or any related documentation. **HIWFRS does not have a policy regarding the above. However, we do remove all service markings and insignia from all vehicles sold. If a fire appliance is being sold by auction all emergency warning equipment is removed. If an appliance is sold direct to a safe and secure dealer, emergency warning equipment remains.**

4. Do you send vehicles to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, do you have an agreement or contract with Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, please provide a copy of the contract or agreement. **No**

5. Has your service granted permission to Merthyr Motor Auctions to dispose of fire appliances and vehicles, such as cars/fire engines that are blue-light equipped and marked with Battenburg, to be sold still liveried and with the blue lights? If so, could you please provide a copy of any emails or correspondence related to the disposal of vehicles and whether a risk assessment was carried out? **No**

6. Are you charged a fee for the disposal of the vehicles sent to Merthyr Motor Auctions? If so, how much are you charged for each vehicle sold? **N/A**

In respect of the above, Question 5: Is the risk of potential reputation damage or illegal use assessed in terms of the sale and disposal of vehicles? **N/A**

7. Do you have a contractual period for using Merthyr Motor Auctions, and if so, when does the contract expire? **N/A**

8. Could you please provide a copy of your current fleet list and disposal criteria? **Please find our current fleet list attached (we have also provided an abbreviations list to assist).**

HIWFRS does not hold a disposal criteria however, our fleet team have provided the following as to when we dispose of certain vehicles.

Vehicle Replacement Timeframes

- Principle Officer Cars – 4 years
- Cars – 6 years
- People Carriers – 6 years
- All vans – 8 years
- Pumps and Appliances – 14 years
- Specials – 15 years (includes Land Rovers = 3 PM's owned)
- Environment Protection Unit – 12
- Command Support Vehicle – 10
- Fire Investigation Support Unit - 10
- Fork Lifts – 10 years
- Trailers – 10 years

The above is a general guide on our replacement timeframes. This does also depend on variants such as use, mileage and wear and tear.

The above concludes our investigation into this matter.

Any future correspondence with Hampshire and Isle of Wight Fire and Rescue Service in relation to this matter should be sent to the Information Compliance Officer at the above address.

If for whatever reason you are unhappy with our response you may request an internal review by contacting DP@hantsfire.gov.uk or by writing to the Data Protection Officer at the above address.

Should you remain dissatisfied you can appeal against the internal review decision by contacting the Information Commissioners Office. This can be done online at www.ico.org.uk/foicomplaints or by post to The Information Commissioner, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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