

James Boden

FOIA Ref 22/23/0064

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Dear James Boden

**REQUEST FOR INFORMATION UNDER THE FREEDOM OF INFORMATION ACT  
2000**

Thank you for your request for information which was received at this office on 28 July 2022.

***Information requested as set out below:***

*"I would like to request some details regarding Metrolink's fleet of rail mounted ancillary vehicles.*

*Firstly of the diesel locomotive (SPV) dating from the systems opening. I am led to believe this vehicle is due for imminent withdrawal, could you confirm or deny this and if it is the case the date it is due to be/was withdrawn. If it has been withdrawn could you also provide any details relating to plans for its disposal.*

*Secondly i would like some details of the small shunting devices based at both Metrolink depots. Could you please tell me the make and model of these vehicles, the dates they were acquired, the cost of the vehicles and the means of propulsion (i.e. Diesel, battery etc)"*

Please find below TfGM's response to your request which is being dealt with under the Freedom of Information Act 2000.

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**The SPV is scheduled to be withdrawn later this year and has been retained solely as short-term contingency while a new vehicle is put into initial use and**

**we are satisfied from an operational perspective. A review is scheduled for October with the intention of progressing directly to disposal on the basis all integration criteria for the new vehicle have been met. TfGM currently has no plans for the method of disposal, this will be determined at a later date.**

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- **Queens Road Depot – Zephir Crab 2100 ES, acquired 2020, battery power source. Cost - £72,067.**
- **Trafford Depot – Zephir Crab 1500 E, acquired 2011, battery power source. Cost - £140,000.**

If you have any queries or concerns then please do not hesitate to contact us, quoting your reference number: 22/23/0064

If you are not satisfied with this response, you may ask for an internal review. Internal review requests should be submitted within two months of the date of receipt of the response to your original letter and should be addressed to: [foi@tfgm.com](mailto:foi@tfgm.com)

If you are not content with the outcome of the internal review, you have the right to apply directly to the Information Commissioner for a decision. The Information Commissioner can be contacted at:

Office of the Information Commissioner  
Wycliffe House  
Water Lane  
Wilmslow  
Cheshire  
SK9 5AF

If you need further clarification with regards to Freedom of Information you can go to the Information Commissioners website [www.ICO.org.uk](http://www.ICO.org.uk)

Yours sincerely

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