

## **Briefing Note**

### **Governance and Transparency – NaVCIS Funding Model**

#### **Background**

The National Vehicle Crime Intelligence Service (NaVCIS) operates within the UK policing landscape and is publicly described as funded by industry bodies, including the Finance & Leasing Association (FLA).

Parliamentary Answers state that NaVCIS is “industry-funded” and does not receive routine public funding (save for limited one-off support to partners). Public disclosures indicate the funding model includes:

- A fixed industry contribution; and
- Additional payments calculated as a proportion of the value of vehicles recovered.

NaVCIS works in coordination with constabularies and has access to police systems during its activity.

#### **Transparency Issue**

A recent Freedom of Information request sought:

- Income and expenditure summaries;
- The latest funding submission/business case;
- High-level financial information regarding the operation of the model.

The request was refused under s.14 of the FoIA (vexatious), relying on historic clustering of earlier requests rather than assessing the proportionality of the specific financial documents sought. As a result, limited public information is available regarding:

- The structure of funding flows.
- The accounting treatment of recovery-linked payments.
- Governance safeguards applying to outcome-linked funding elements.
- The oversight framework for industry-funded policing arrangements.

#### **Governance Considerations**

Where a policing-adjacent unit:

- Operates with private sector funding.
- Receives both fixed contributions and payments linked to recovered vehicle value.
- Works in coordination with constabularies and police systems.

clarity regarding governance arrangements is important to maintain public confidence.

Even where operational decisions are entirely proper, outcome-linked funding structures may give rise to perception questions regarding impartiality if not transparently explained and subject to clear oversight.

#### **Questions for Parliamentary Clarification**

1. What governance and oversight arrangements apply to NaVCIS’s industry funding model?
2. What safeguards ensure that outcome-linked payments do not give rise to perceived conflicts of interest?
3. How are recovery-linked payments accounted for?
4. Should high-level financial summaries of nationally operating, industry-funded policing units be proactively published?

#### **Purpose of this Briefing**

This note does not allege misconduct. It seeks transparency and governance clarity in respect of industry-funded policing partnerships operating within the national vehicle crime framework.