



FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST



Request Number: F-2011-03290

Keyword: Operational Policing

Subject: Tennants Vital concert held in Ward Park, Bangor

Request and Answer:

Question 1

With relation to the recent Tennants Vital concert held in Ward Park, Bangor Co.Down I would like to know how much the policing effort for this concert cost. I would like this to be broken down as follows:

How many officers with (rank breakdown) were involved in the planning stages?

Answer

No officer was engaged full time with the planning processes involved with the Concert Planning, however the following officers were engaged in part of the planning stages and the Operation on both Concert dates:

2 Superintendents
1 Inspector
1 Sergeant
1 Constable

Question 2

How much time was involved in this and at what cost?

Answer

Police attended meetings across the spectrum of organisers, residents, council, and/or businesses. Numerous telephone conversations and correspondence with interested parties, also took place.

It is not possible to quantify costs involved in relation to this activity as this has not been recorded separately; however the vast majority of the work was conducted in the normal working day.

Question 3

How many officers, of all ranks, were involved in the policing immediately prior to, during and after the concert and at what cost?

Answer

154 Police Officers and Civilian Staff were involved in the policing immediately prior to, during and after the concert, at a costing of £43,350 in Police overtime over the two nights.

Question 4

How many officers and aircraft from the Air Support (ASU) unit were involved?

Answer

6 Police Officers and 3 aircraft were utilised over the 2 days.

Question 5

How long was the ASU involved?

Answer

6 hours and 20 minutes over a 2 day period.

Question 6

What were the staff costs for this operation?

Question 7

What were the aircrafts operating costs?

Answer

The total cost relating to staff, pilot and aircraft was £9,625.

Question 8

Were any arrests, directly or indirectly related to the concert, made for:
Public order offences.

Answer

Yes.

Question 9

Drunk and disorderly offences.

Answer

Yes.

Question 10

Driving whilst under the influence of alcohol or drugs.

Answer

No.

Question 11

Any other offences not mentioned above.

Answer

Yes.

Question 12

Taking all of the above into account, where did the money to pay for all of this come from?

Did the concert promoters cover all of the costs?

Answer

No.

Question 14

If the concert promoter did not cover all of the cost did North Down Borough Council cover the remainder?

Answer

No.

Question 15

If North Down Borough Council did not cover the remainder, where did the remainder of the costs come from?

Answer

The remainder of the costs came from the Police Budget.

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