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Our ref: HC/2001/10

Your ref:

Dear Mr Gardner

# FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: HC/002001/10

Please supply fully itemised costings for the policing bill for the 2009 and 2010 events, including the overtime costs for each individual officer attending and the role allocated to each officer for the event.

### 2010

Hampshire Constabulary does not hold this information for 2010. The event was cancelled so there was no policing bill that included record of overtime costs and role allocations for which the organiser was invoiced.

### 2009

Invoiced cost was £20,571.84 plus VAT.

Details of the role allocations for officers are as follows:

- **Prisoner Transport**
- On-site Prisoner Manager
- Traffic

Total: 368 hours over 5 days.

In respect of the policing bill invoiced to the organiser, no information is held relating to overtime costs as these were not charged for in 2009.

Information relating to charging policy is published by the force at the following link:

http://www.hampshire.police.uk/NR/rdonlyres/C751E1BF-913A-46AD-B7ED-EC315107E078/0/16400.pdf http://www.hampshire.police.uk/NR/rdonlyres/6BA3D06D-

D294-4F5C-B5FD-82FBDCC0EAC7/0/16403.pdf

Please supply times, dates and the agenda of all meetings held between Hampshire Police and the Glade Festival organisers concerning policing and security matters. Please also disclose the minutes of all such meetings.

Please see attached document.

Information has been redacted as indicated below







#### S43 Commercial Interests

S42(2) applies to information where its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice commercial interests of any person (including the pubic authority holding it). S43 is a qualified and class-based exemption. As a class-based exemption, legislators have already accepted the harm in the release of this class of information. As such, there is no requirement for me to evidence the harm in disclosing this information but I am obliged to apply the public interest test.

This exemption applies because the commercial interests of organisers and suppliers may be damaged in the event of disclosure of sensitive commercial information.

## S31 Law Enforcement

Information is exempt from disclosure under s31(1)(a)(b) where the release of information would, or would be likely to, prejudice the prevention and detection of crime and the apprehension or prosecution of offenders. This exemption is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, I am required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

This exemption applies because disclosure of tactical and logistical information would impact on the force's ability to carry out its core function of law enforcement.

# S38 Health & Safety

S38(1)(a)(b) applies where disclosure of information would, or would be likely to, endanger the physical or mental health of any individual or the safety of an individual. This exemption applies to 'any individual'. This exemption is qualified and prejudice-based and, as such, I am required to evidence the harm in disclosure and apply the public interest test.

This exemption applies because the health and safety of officers and members of the public may be under threat if operational information were publicly disclosed.

### S40 Personal Information

S40(2)(b) applies to third party personal data. This would not be released under the Freedom of Information Act if such a disclosure would contravene any of the data protection principles. In this case, the principle that would be compromised would be fair and lawful processing. There is no requirement to provide evidence of harm in this case or undertake a public interest test.

### **Evidence of Harm**

Disclosure of information relating to police tactics, operational strategies and sensitive logistics around the proposed policing operation is likely to compromise the ability of the force to operate at similar events where comparable law enforcement techniques may be utilised. In addition, the role of the police is to ensure the health and safety of the general

public and this can only be attained where the integrity of the policing effort—including tactical options and operational approaches for public events - remains intact.

## **Public Interest test**

	Favouring disclosure	Favouring non-disclosure
S43	The information is historical.	Information concerns private companies being considered by Glade and are not linked to the use of public money.
		Disclosure of detailed costing information in a highly sensitive and competitive area of business may jeopardise commercial interests of organisers and suppliers.
S31	Accountability for ensuring event is policed appropriately.	Law enforcement tactics would be compromised.
S38	Better informed public debate.	Individuals may be placed at risk.

## **Balancing Test**

Whilst the force should be accountable for ensuring an event such as the one in question is policed appropriately and to a suitable level, this must be balanced against the responsibility of Hampshire Constabulary to maintain public order and public safety and to ensure that it is in the best possible position to undertake its function of law enforcement.

In this case, therefore, it is my decision that the public interest lies in the non-disclosure of the exempted information.

## **COMPLAINT RIGHTS**

If you are dissatisfied with the handling procedures or the decision made by Hampshire Constabulary, you can lodge a complaint with the force to have the decision reviewed within 2 months of the date of this response. Complaints should be made in writing to the FOI Section at the address at the top of this letter.

If, after lodging a complaint with Hampshire Constabulary, you are still unhappy with the outcome, you may make application to the Information Commissioner at the Information Commissioner's Office, Wycliffe House, Water Lane, Wilmslow, Cheshire SK9 5AF.

Yours sincerely

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