

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION REQUEST REFERENCE NO: 0195/2009**

In reply to your request for information under the Freedom of Information Act 2000, dated 26th March 2009 and which was received in Cambridgeshire as follows:

1. How many extra officers were used in the policing of Cambridge's Strawberry Fair in 2008?
2. What was the estimated cost of policing the event in 2008?
3. What is the procedure for calculating the cost of policing public events, such as Strawberry Fair, and how do you arrive at a per head cost of officers used?

Please note that question numbers have been added to add clarity.

The Freedom of Information Act 2000 (The Act) requires us to handle all requests in a manner that is blind to the identity of the requestor. Any information released in response to a request is regarded as being published, and therefore in the public domain without caveat.

We have completed all searches within Cambridgeshire Constabulary and hereby enclose your response in the following paragraphs:

1 & 2 The staffing level required was 252 officers and police staff for this event, leading to an approximate cost of £81,000.

3. When calculating cost, the principle applied is to recover costs - staffing costs are based on an hourly rate calculated by rank / grade and enhanced for overtime at time and a half, time and a third and double time where appropriate. A percentage charge (0.05%) for administration is made. Other costs are recovered directly as incurred. The Chief Constable has discretion to abate charges to reflect the community or charitable nature of the event.