

Date received:	27 th February 2025
Date responded:	23 rd April 2025
Subject:	Drone Show

Question:

“The drone event currently scheduled on 20 March as advertised today on local news.

Can you please provide full and complete costs of putting on this show to rate payer.

This includes costs of wages, workflows, processes, licences and more.

Quote “The council has applied to the Department of Infrastructure for a road closure, as well as notifying Event Safety Advisory Group, while the company organising the display has had to request a license through the Civil Aviation Authority.”

This also includes a request for information in relation to the partnership that has been mentioned.

Who is the business partnership - the name of the company?

What is paid to them in return whether that is direct or indirect costs for them to put on this show for the public for “free”

All and any details of information and costs to this show please.”

Response:

Thank you for understanding regarding the delay in responding to the Freedom of Information request. At the time of the request, the event was still in early planning stages, and full cost details were not yet available.

The drone show itself was provided free of charge by Sky Symphony Drone Shows, however there were associated transportation and ancillary costs, which are outlined below.

The total cost of the event was as follows;

	£
Road Closure Application to the Department of Infrastructure	275
Transportation of drones via the Isle of Man Steam Packet Company	1,266
Accommodation, van hire and fuel	1,132
External security hire	300

Overtime for staff	300
Signage for the road closure	162
Total =	3,435.00

Grant funding for the event was sought through the Domestic Event Fund, and a final grant amount received to the Council was £708, the net cost to the Council for the event was £2,727. Initially costs were included for a sound system, which were later waived as ELS Group provided the system free of charge.

The remaining costs were covered from an underspend in the 2024/25 Public Events budget.