

With reference to your advertisement in the JEP my personal opinion is that Jersey Live has prompted this conundrum - whilst I appreciate that those in government are looking for ways to reduce spending it appears unfair that what may be perceived as a youth event requires more policing than other events. Research has shown that the perception of crime is greater than actual crime, the scrutiny panel should consider this fact before forming an opinion on the levels and cost of policing all events.

The festival is a for profit event, as are many other events that require a level of policing, have the authorities over reacted in their policing of the event? How are other similar events are policed - such as Wakestock in North Wales?

Those that have organised the event have quite rightly been congratulated for putting Jersey on the map, the event allows many people from all walks of life to get together and have a great weekend - it makes business sense to make a profit - what other local events are held are truly inter generational, and what levels of policing do they require?

Jersey Live is unique, it appears that the organisers have been very pro active in working with the authorities, give them a lifeline - do not penalise them for their originality, or for the "with profit" aspect of this event, I would ask you to consider if this event was, for instance an operatic event would the authorities be some interested in the policing of the event, remember Jersey Live is intergenerational, as an island we need live entertainment - please do not through government intervention make this event out of reach for families because of costs.

We pay our taxes, this is a once a year event - reduce the levels of policing and allow the organisers some autonomy in policing their own event, do not make attending this event out of reach - Jersey really is becoming a two class society.

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