

I believe that Jersey Live is becoming an important event in the Jersey Calendar and should be supported by the authorities.

That said, JerseyLive is a commercial enterprise and I do believe that the organisers should factor the cost of policing into the ticket price and/or into their profit margin.

There have been some suggestions that policing has been too obvious but I would suggest that the apparent low levels of crime at this event are due to the high profile policing.

It should be noted that the Honorary police do a vast amount of work to support this and other events in the island but the Honorary force is neither trained or equipped to manage public disorder on a large scale.

On the mainland, the police presence at such an event may be more discreet but it is worth remembering that should there be any significant disorder, the Police can call on neighbouring authorities for assistance.

I believe that the potential for disorder and severe escalation of such disorder must be planned for in the hope it will never happen. But should it happen the police would be held liable if they had not made adequate provision.

If the organizers feel the cost of policing is too onerous a burden, they should make their accounts available for scrutiny. If and only if they can prove that the cost of security is out of proportion to their profits, public funding should be considered.

It does seem rather disingenuous of the Jersey Live Organisers to e-mail all their customers who bought Jersey Live tickets via the internet.

Asking their customers to voice an opinion on security and the effect on ticket prices is akin to preaching to the already converted.

These people have presumably bought tickets this year and have a vested interest in maintaining prices or reducing ticket prices next year.

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